

Whereabouts Of Portuguese Ship Still A Mystery

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Where is the mv. Waremba? What has happened to her? When will she be released by the Chinese Maritime Customs? These are questions which have remained unanswered since the confiscation of the 367-ton Portuguese freighter at Swatow in July on a charge of having visited a Chinese port not open to international trade—the first case of its kind over such a breach of Customs Preventive Law.

Whether or not the Communists will reconsider the matter and release the former United States Navy minesweeper if she is in their hands is now a matter of conjecture for the port referred to is Communist-controlled Shikou, which was already in Red hands when the Waremba is alleged to have visited it. The speculation gains impetus with the recent disclosure that the Chinese Maritime Customs office for Kowloon and District has been taking orders from the Canton authorities.

On the other hand, scraps of information trickling into the Colony during the past few weeks have conveyed a dampening of the confidence of the more optimistic. It was reported that the Waremba evacuated the last batch of retreating Nationalist troops from Kowloon for Taiwan with the commander, General Yu Han-ming, Commanding Officer of the Kuangtung Armed Forces.

Hong Kong authorities connected with the Waremba decline to discuss it. The Chinese Maritime Customs besides admitting to know where the Portuguese vessel is at present refused to comment.

Personal of ships returning from the North, both Communist and Nationalist ports—during the past few weeks failed to recall having noticed the Waremba at any of the Nationalist ports in the North when a description of the vessel was given to them on their arrival.

Military Purposes

Information gathered here and there however indicated that the Nationalist Navy is utilizing a considerable number of converted merchant marine craft for military purposes. These vessels have been well camouflaged, the informants revealed. Some "unnecessary" structures have been removed evidently for extra space.

Certain circles among the waterfront community are of the opinion that the Waremba is being used by the Nationalists. They deemed that before the entry of Communist troops in the South China region all seaborne vessels have been evacuating troops to Hainan Island and Taiwan.

The possibility that the Portuguese vessel is at Hainan is ruled out by arrivals from the Nationalist island, some 200 miles South-West of Hong Kong. "Whereas the Waremba was placarded 'some secret place,' they added."

Several blockade runners which have been detained by the Nationalist Navy and taken to naval outposts, like Matsui Island, said that except for small naval craft there were no foreign-looking vessels seen at such places.

The Waremba was ordered by two Australian businessmen, arrived in the Colony in October 1948 for reconversion, to join the China Coast trade.

She cleared for Swatow in ballast on June 15 with a crew of six foreign officers and nine Chinese seamen.

About 90 miles at sea the Portuguese freighter developed engine trouble and drifted in fairly rough seas for more than 90 hours. She was carried, according to her personnel, as far as to the Formosa Strait.

The defect was put into order and subsequently the Waremba reached Swatow on June 20.

Two charges—Chinese Maritime Customs officials contained the charge and laid two charges against her master—entering port without necessary nationality papers and falsification of the net tonnage of the vessel.

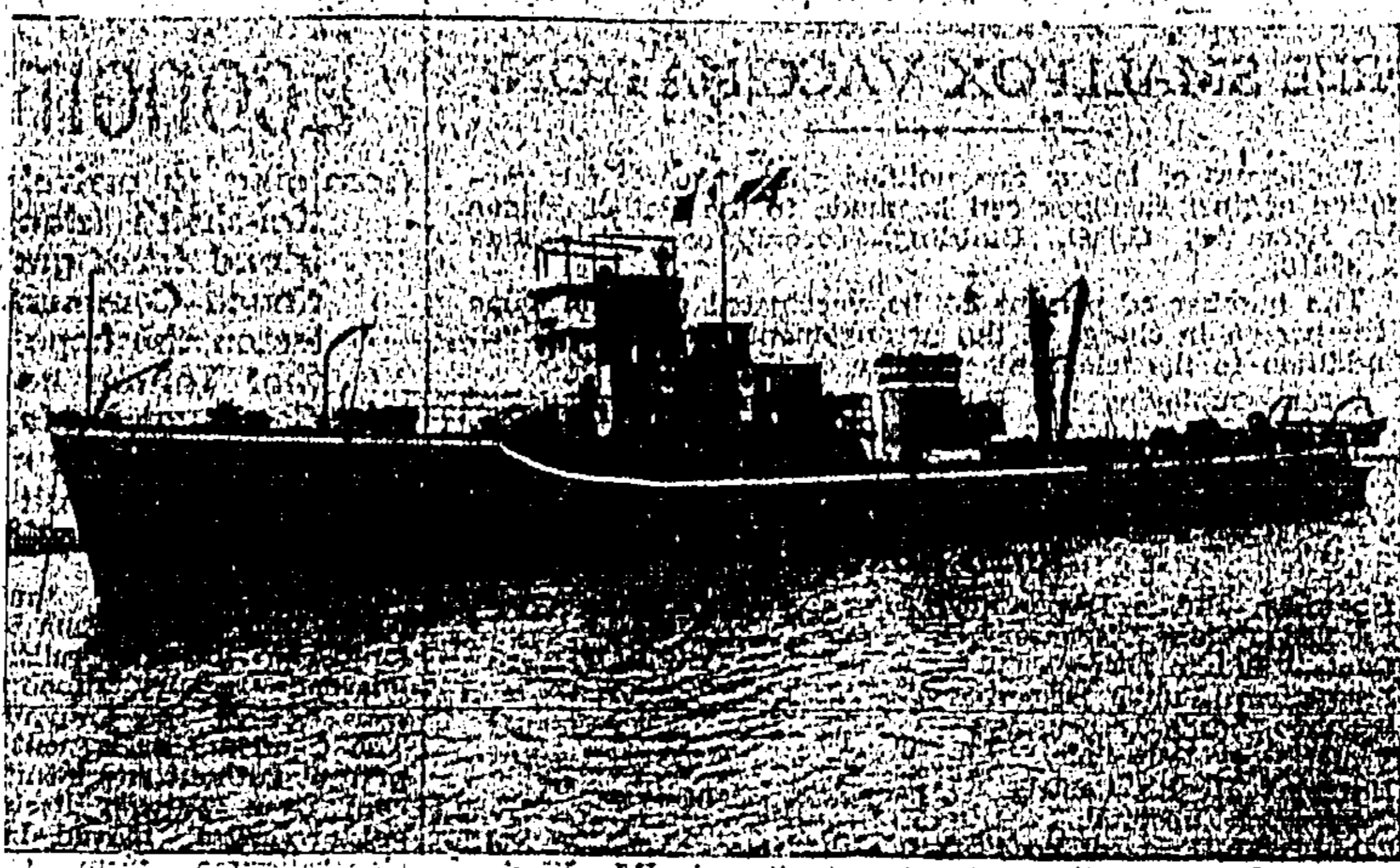
After nine days detention under armed guard at Swatow, she was taken to the Tai Shan Customs Station, just outside British waters, under escort of a CMC cruiser.

Early in July, CMC officials declared the confiscation of the Waremba by letter to the owners. Following the seizure of the Portuguese vessel, Miao authorities were contacted and a senior official visited the Colony to negotiate for her release.

Communication was maintained for some period with the Portuguese authorities pressing for the release of the Waremba. So far, however, no concrete result has been achieved, it is understood.

It is also learned that "substitution" is still under way. With the Communist influence infiltrating into the working system of the CMC, the matter to all eyes is becoming more and more complicated.

Freighter Still "Missing"



Confiscated by the Chinese Maritime Customs since July on a charge of having visited a Chinese port not open to international trade, Communist-controlled Shikou, this 367-ton reconversion United States Navy minesweeper is still "missing." Hong Kong authorities connected with the matter decline to discuss it. Where the Portuguese freighter Waremba is at present is still a mystery perplexing local shipping circles.

Free Primary Education For Singapore In Five Years

Free primary education will be available in Singapore in five years time, said Mr. A. W. Frisby, Singapore's Director of Education, last night. Mr. Frisby was speaking in Radio Hong Kong's weekly Saturday Round-Up.

Mr. Frisby added that schools in Singapore are no longer to be community or racial schools but regional schools where children of all races are educated side by side.

A 10-year plan, he said, was approved two years ago for the provision of 10 to 15 new regional primary schools a year. This plan is in operation.

A supplementary plan has been devised to provide emergency schools for 90,000 children in five years starting from next year.

Mr. Frisby said: "I arrived in Hong Kong with my mind full of the details of a heavy programme of educational expansion in Singapore, and before I say anything about Hong Kong you may like to hear a very few words on what we are doing in Singapore."

"First of all, you will realise that our problems, which have much in common with yours, are in some ways quite different. We have not so far built a population, we know fairly exactly how many children we still have to provide with educational facilities, and it will not be too difficult in Singapore to prevent gate crashers."

"The intention is that all publicly provided education in Singapore shall have an English basis with efficient vernacular teaching in Mandarin, Malay or Tamil as the case may be as subsidiary subjects. Schools are no longer to be community, or racial schools, but regional schools where children of all races are educated side by side."

"A 10-year plan was approved by Legislative Council two years ago and has since been worked out in detail, for the provision of 10 to 15 new regional primary schools a year with the necessary secondary, trade and technical schools, military, and police schools."

"All primary education will be free in another five years' time. This year, all new admissions of the right age were admitted free and an extra subsidy was paid to non-Government schools of all types to pay the fees of newly admitted pupils at Government rates."

"Our plan, however, will leave 50,000 of our 200,000 children of school age unprovided for and a supplementary plan has just been devised to provide emergency schools for 90,000 children in five years starting from 1950."

"This will mean 180 new schools and about 3,000 new teachers and will, we hope, cope with the 30,000 children of school age which appear for admission to Singapore schools every year."

"It is against this background that my colleague the Director of Education has been showing me around the educational system of Hong Kong and you must forgive me if I have spent rather a long time on Singapore topics."

"You will not expect me to wax technical about your schools, but I should say that I have been very impressed in several directions with what I have seen in Hong Kong."

"It would be invidious for me to single out individual institutions for comment but I can assure you that in one interested outsider's view, in spite of schools of dubious political colour, Hong Kong is getting very good value for money with the work that is being done. Perhaps, as this is part of a radio programme, I might say that I missed broadcast lessons in school."

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almost frightening milling crowds on the streets. I have felt like a country cousin.

"Three points stand out from my other impressions, the sophisticated appearance of the people I have seen everywhere, the smartness and efficiency, if you will forgive me the implied cliché, of your traffic policemen, and finally the firm link between Malaysia and Hong Kong forged by the graduates of your University."

"We have sent to your University some of our best products and I have realised what firm friendships they have made in Hong Kong, and how well they have acquitted themselves."

"We have now a University of our own in Malaya, but I see no reason why a steady stream of undergraduates should not continue to come to Hong Kong."

"And perhaps in return we may be able to act as hosts in the University of Malaya to some of Hong Kong's youth and so strengthen the tie between the two Colonies."

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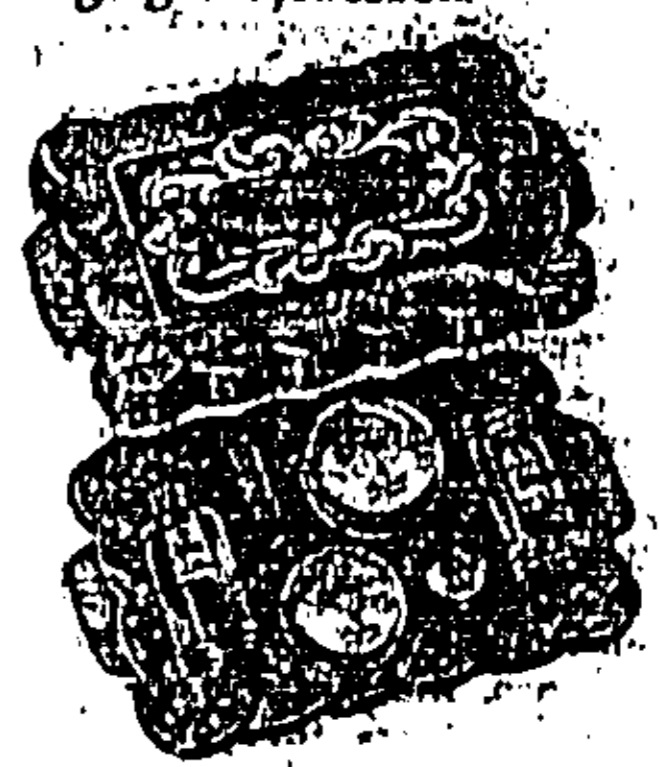
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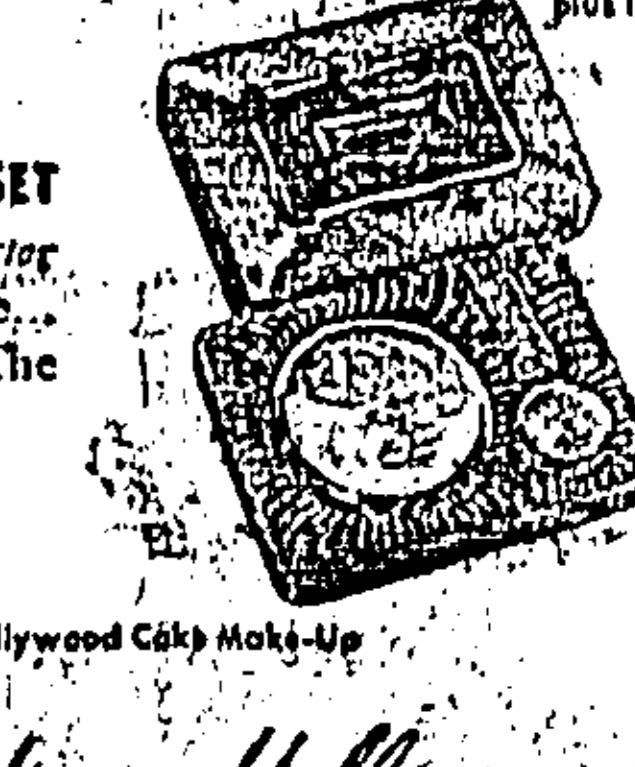
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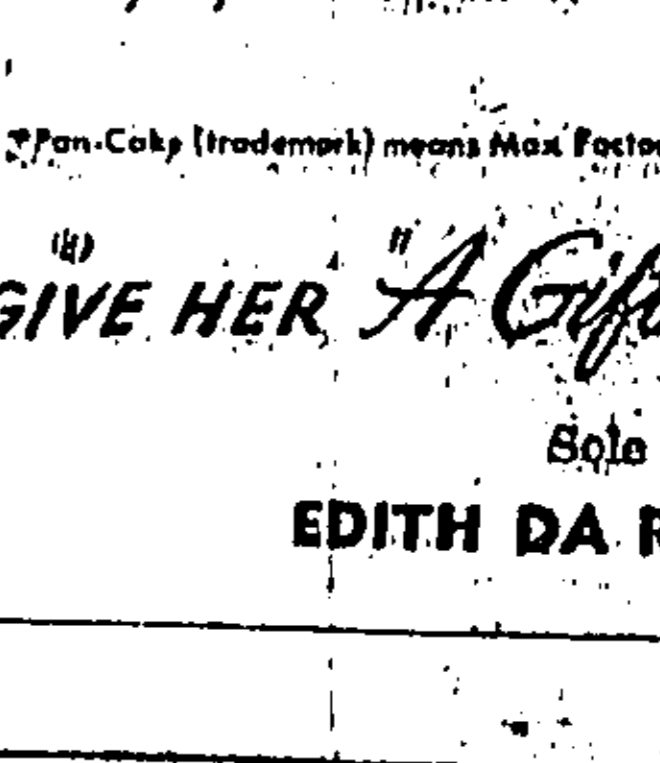
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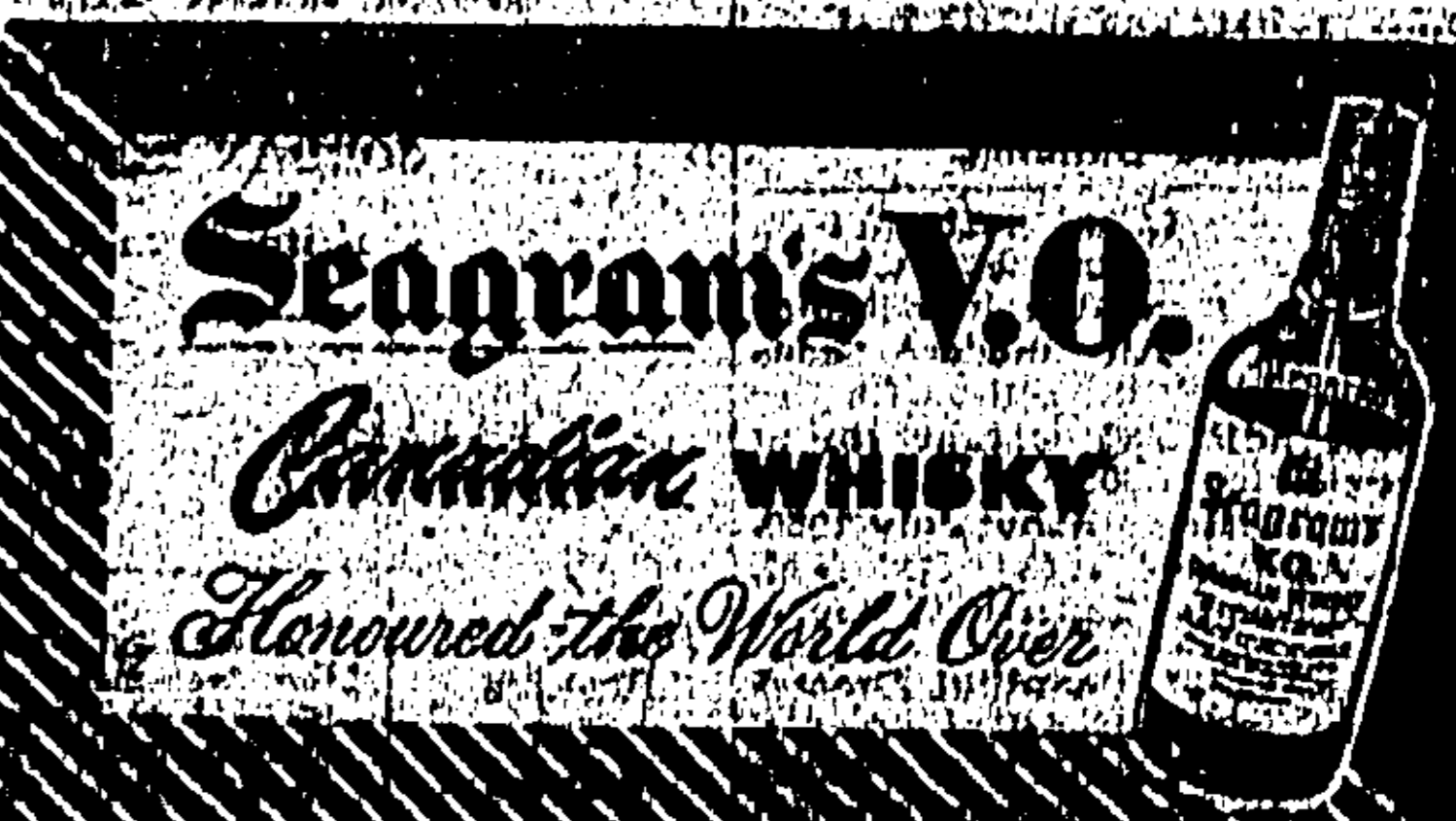


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The girl was bitten by a dog in On Lok Village, Faping New Territories.

Other deaths during the same period were six from diphtheria, 49 from tuberculosis, and one each from dysentery and enteric fever.

There was only one case (not fatal) of infantile paralysis.

Deaths from all causes during the week totalled 343 as against 1,264 births.

Reminders

Today

To: H. Chas. Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Park, 10.30 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, at 8 p.m.
European YMCA Amichon Group meeting, talk on "Chinese Art" by Mr. G. E. Martin, 8.30 p.m.
St. Vincent & Paul Bazaar, St. Mary's School, 11 a.m.
K. C. American Tourist, Tourist, presentation of prize, 5 p.m.
Polo & Hunt Club meeting at 4th, Queen's Own Hussar Camp, Lo Wu, 11.15 a.m.
School: A.M. to meeting Caroline Hall.

Coming Events
TOMORROW

HK Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd. annual general meeting, Queen's Building, 11.30 a.m.
HK Schools Musical Association Concert by Miss Renner (piano recital) at St. Paul's College, 8 p.m.
European YMCA, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club luncheon talk by Mr. S. H. Pang, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

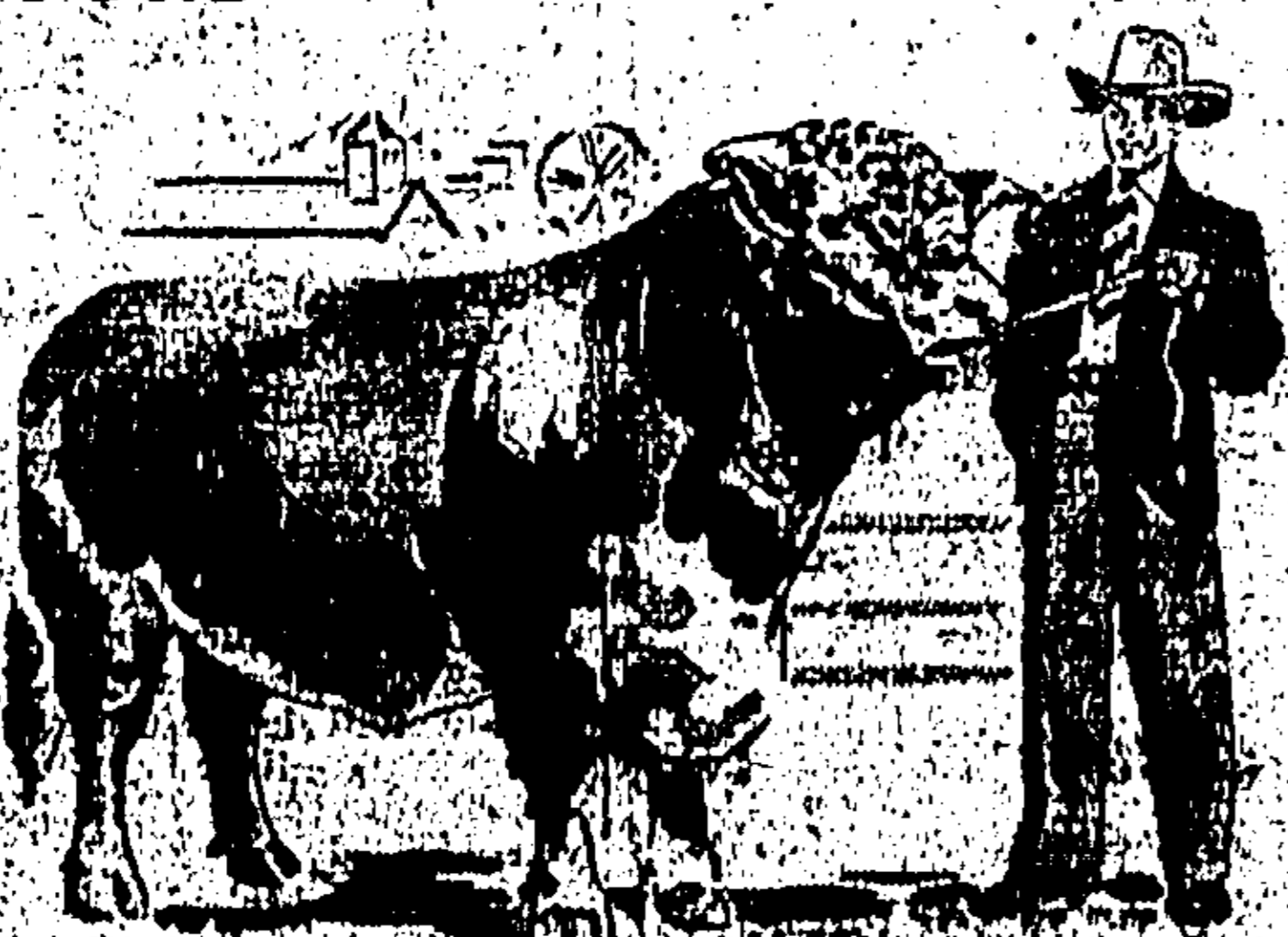
WEDNESDAY

To: H. Chas. Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing Classes, 2.30 p.m., Mah Jong classes, 2 p.m.
Bellini Public School, Prize Day, 11 a.m.
Cheong Services Club opening by the Governor, Murray Parade Ground, 6.15 p.m.
HK Schools Musical Association concert by the Sino-British Orchestra at Diocesan Boys' School.

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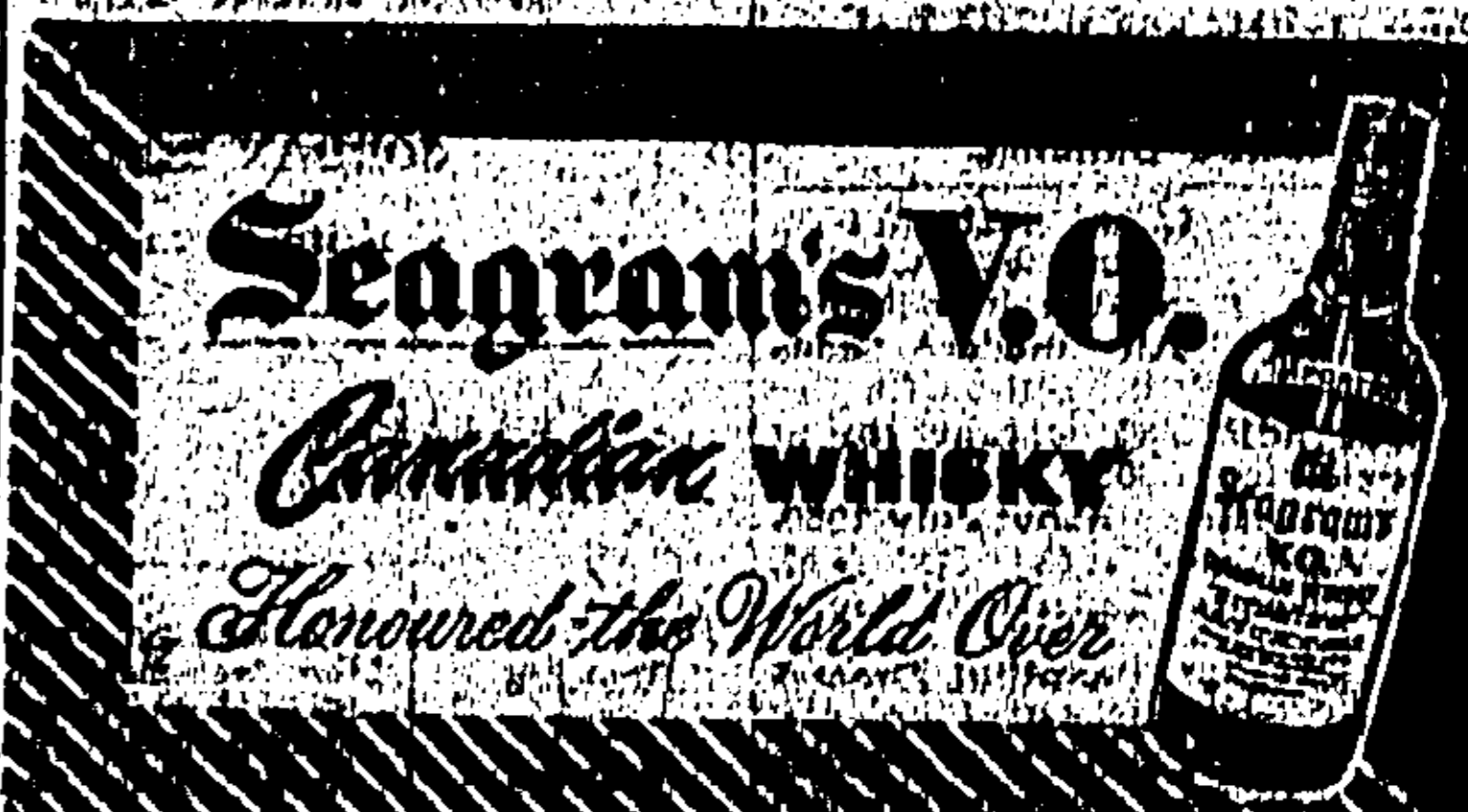


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At the meeting of the H.K.K.C. Committee on the 9th December, it was decided after further consideration to cancel the forthcoming Dog Show which was limited to the Island of Hong Kong only.

Apart from insufficient entries to justify the services of an overseas Judge, the Committee unanimously feel that with the continued increase in rabies such a Show would be inadvisable.

The approximately one hundred Exhibitors who have already paid their entry fees, can obtain return of same on application to the Hon. Secretary—H.K.K.C.

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I. NEWTON,

Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, December 3, 1949.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, The Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th December, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Share Register of the Company will be closed for the transfer of shares from the 5th to the 12th December, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Nov. 28, 1949.

K. C. C. TEA DANCE

Subscribers, Tennis players and ticket holders are advised that in the event of there being no Tennis at the Kowloon Cricket Club today (Sunday), the Tea Dance previously advertised to commence at 5 p.m. will begin at 4 o'clock instead.

Those members of the Club who have not got tickets and wish to attend may do so by buying their tickets at the door at time of entry.

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It is hereby notified that the following licences expire on 31. 12. 49, and are due for renewal on 1. 1. 50:—

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

December 10, 1949.

NOTICE

A.A. GUN PRACTICE

The Military authorities announce that A.A. gun practice will take place from Brick Hill gun site on Monday 12 December, Tuesday 13 December and Wednesday 14 December 1949 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

This will result in bursts over the sea South of Lamna Island and South of Stanley Peninsula. Arrangements have been made for the patrol of areas affected in order to ensure that vessels, ships, aircraft and persons are not exposed to danger.

Taiwan Facing Grave Economic Problems

According to arrivals from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's island stronghold of Taiwan, the island faces grave economic problems. Continued Communist victories on the mainland lessen the hope of economic and military aid that Taiwan needs to stand up against the Communist tide.

Separated from the mainland by the 120-mile wide Formosan Straits, the island's military position, though not hopeless, is serious.

The arrivals said that the island's biggest problem is how long the Generalissimo's hoarded treasury support the war against the Communists. The Central Government is at present without any income except from Taiwan itself and gold reserves moved by the Generalissimo from Chungking. These resources are, however, being depleted.

Taiwan has a population of 7,200,000 of which 1,000,000 are the armed forces and in Central Government administrative offices. When Generalissimo Chiang's resources run dry, the burden of supporting the war against the Communists will inevitably fall on the Taiwan Provincial Government—unless of course military and economic aid is forthcoming from the United States. Industries developed by the Japanese have only partially recovered since the end of the war. Industrial output this year, said the arrivals, will be only 60 per cent of the 1939 output. Communist occupation of Central and East China has deprived the island of export markets.

Trade With Japan

Economic experts on the island say that Taiwan must re-establish trade with Japan. This trade was the basis of the island's economy before the war. Economic Co-operation Administration representatives are discussing the possibilities of increased trade with Japan with SCAP.

The Taiwan dollar, backed by some 600,000 ounces of gold, is more stable than the Central Government's silver dollar currency. But the Taiwan dollar has depreciated from one to one U.S. dollar (the official rate) to eight to one U.S. dollar in the open market.

The arrivals said that the cost of living is steadily increasing. The price of rice is controlled but the increasing cost of meat and vegetables is sorely felt by all.

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Money Market

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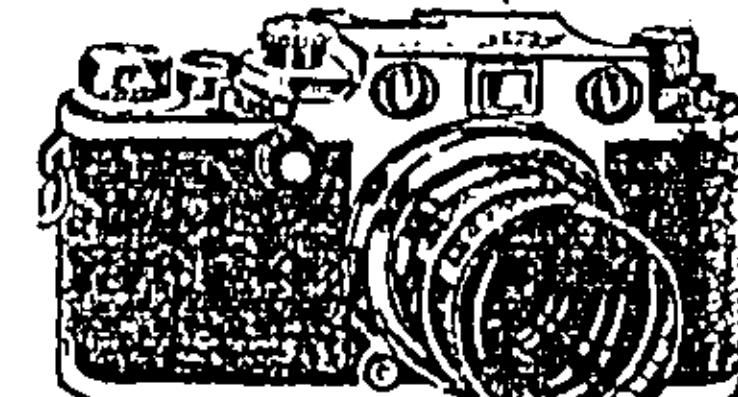
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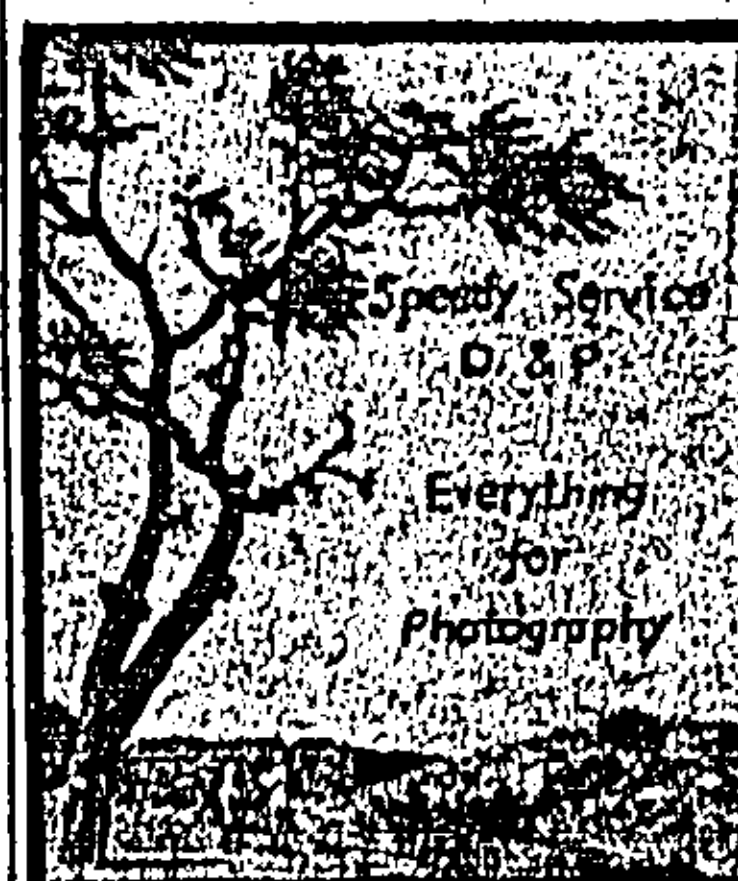
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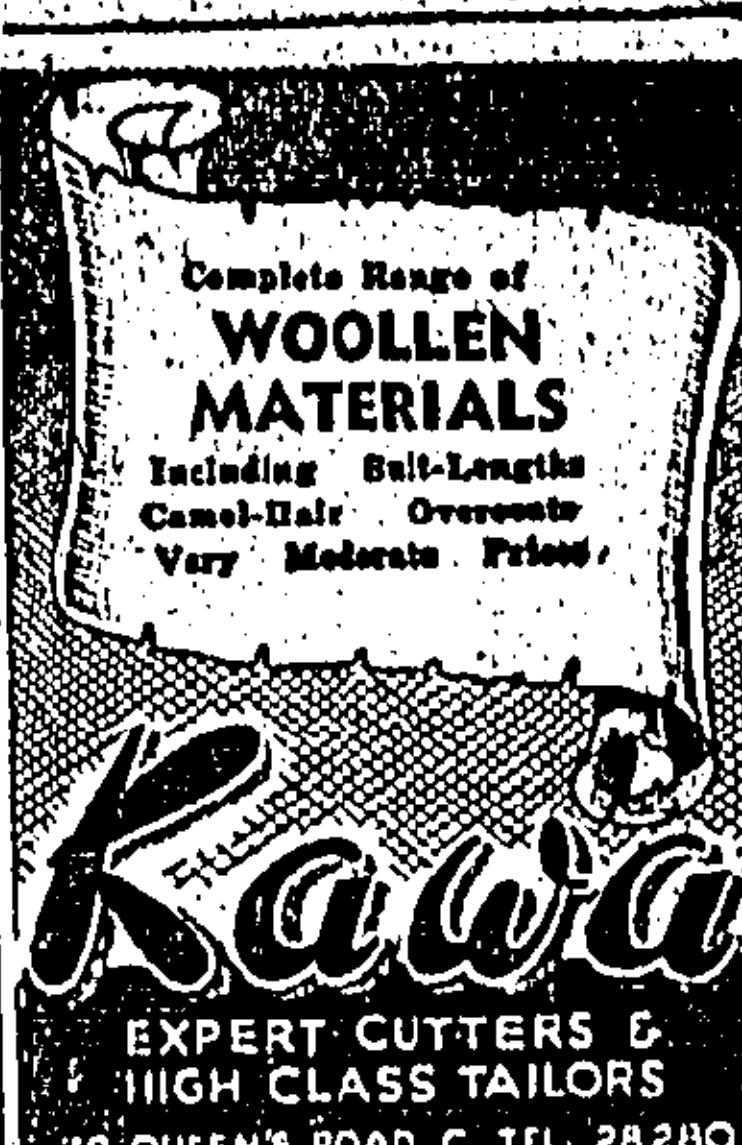
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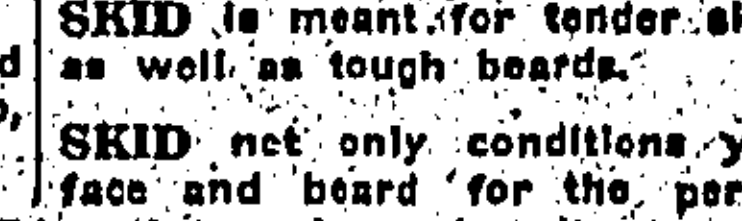
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JANUARY
(December 21—January 18)
Much careful thought necessary to cope with problems of the next few days. But if you are alert mentally, something can be done to ensure good times in the next year or so. Don't be too precipitate or make rash commitments on Tuesday.

FEBRUARY
(January 20—February 18)
Two beneficent planets in your Sun Sign make for a happy time in personal affairs. But family and health problems may re-appear during first half of week. Contrary likely to develop over insurance or family property.

MARCH
(February 19—March 20)
A difficult period for marriage. Some crisis in marriage partner's affairs may prove depressing for the time being. If single, likelihood of a close link up developing in next few days. Much business activity early in week.

APRIL
(March 21—April 20)
The first new year festival over business and with a successful period if you can keep your head, avoid rash schemes on Tuesday. News from overseas at end of week should speed up a newly launched scheme.

MAY
(April 21—May 20)
Much to be gained concerning the revival of an old love affair or friendship. Alternatively, happy period in personal affairs.

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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R. H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JUNE (May 21—June 20)
Somewhat disturbed conditions in the family circle in next few days, or, alternatively, you clash with older and more responsible people. Essential to think well ahead, particularly for the next eight or nine months if you are to avoid trouble about Christmas time.

JULY (June 21—July 20)
Family controversies may become acute in next few days, particularly if you are in close touch with brothers or sisters. Or may-be travel plans are held up unexpectedly during first half of the week. Likelihood of an important contract developing mid week.

AUGUST (July 21—August 21)
Useless to side-step financial crisis this week. Face up to settlement of old debts or long-standing claims. Later—about Thursday—new plans develop rapidly and you gain useful publicity. Happy period in personal affairs.

SEPTEMBER (August 22—September 22)
The past becomes important again; you have much to do with former friends and acquaintances. Also it may be essential to make arrangements for the next year or two at short notice. A good week for hard work and construction effort.

OCTOBER (September 23—October 23)
Don't neglect symptoms of health upsets in next few days. Or, possibly, you get a shock connected with a former friend's treachery. A good week for following up new schemes, for travel, for anything settled by correspondence.

NOVEMBER (October 24—November 22)
Better cut your losses where long-standing investments are concerned. Also, keep clear of speculation this week. In personal life an up and down period; good fortune through relatives may be offset by trouble and unforeseen expenses connected with an old friend.

DECEMBER (November 23—December 20)
Somewhat critical week in your business life. Decisions have to be made at short notice and may depend on the co-operation you get from the family or older people. Socially an interesting period; new friends made late in week may prove useful allies.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: FOR MOST OF US: Good for travel, parties, social life. Not suitable for resurrecting family problems or for anything that needs thought and method. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Dark yellow, 5 days.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: If you can remember to look to the future and banish regrets about the past, all will be well this year. If, however, you try to remedy blunders of a few years ago, or worry about responsibilities undertaken at the same time, you will have a miserable and disappointing 12 months.

Better cut your losses, whenever you can. If investments of the last few years have failed you, forget about them. If family restrictions prove tiresome, try to break away. The future is glowing! You will do well if you con-

centrate on new schemes and methods.

There is little to be gained from family sources or from property in 1949/50. On the other hand, there is some chance of speculative "luck" and certainly of gains from ventures inaugurated in July or August 1950.

It is a good year for travel. If you get the chance to go abroad, take it. There is little to be hoped for in sticking in your present environment simply from a sense of duty. You will be happier and more prosperous if you can get to a new neighbourhood and make new friends.

Anything that concerns the family is likely to drag on and on to end in disappointment. But new friendships are under propitious stars throughout 1949/50. If young and unmarried there is every prospect of engagement before the year is out, though it would be useless to expect backing or approval from older people. If already married be wary about taking on responsibilities for invalid relatives and in-laws.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12: FOR MOST OF US: Might be a critical day, particularly if a scheme that has been under way since the beginning of the month is still uncompleted. Commitments made this evening likely to prove permanent. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Midnight blue, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Think carefully before you make any decisive move this year. What you attempt in 1950 is likely to influence your career and your family life for at least eight or nine years to come. In some ways this will be a fateful period in your existence.

The chances are that you will embark upon some course of training that brings good results in a few years' time and ensures future security. But such a goal to the grindstone for not only this year but for some time to come. Also, such a move would involve additional responsibilities and make you take life more seriously. Don't worry about money. You will not have a great deal in hand this year but there is hope for the future. Someone much older than yourself gives an undertaking that will benefit you immediately and ensure good times in the future.

Throughout the year you will find that you have much to do with older people and with relatives. During August and September in particular you are likely to be involved in some matter that concerns the division of family property or the improvement of house and land. About the same time you make a business link-up with an older man or woman.

If unmarried, it looks as though you will be too occupied with your career or with study to bother about marriage in 1949/50. But friendships made during the coming 12 months are likely to be enduring and to prove of great value in the future. If already

settled, you may find that you move back to scenes of childhood or that an older relative comes to live with you before the year is out.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13: FOR MOST OF US: Stormy periods today but much achieved in spite of opposition. Late evening the best period for money-making. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Royal purple, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: You are not likely to get through the coming 12 months without a good deal of controversy. Opposition materialises on all sides and you will be surprised by the number of opponents and rivals who appear. But in spite of difficulties you are likely to end the year successfully.

Financially it will be a good period and you need have no serious worries about money. True, there may be clashes with officials and with the revenue authorities but you will end the year in pocket.

Better not embark upon far-reaching changes if you can avoid them. Your prosperity and peace of mind will be more secure if you stay put this year. But certain upheavals may be inevitable, particularly during the next few months about August. They will probably entail a change of residence against your will.

Take care of health this year, particularly if you are subject to intestinal or digestive upsets. Also rule out foreign travel unless it is absolutely necessary to your business. It will be wise, too, to keep clear of unorthodox political or social movements in 1950.

In your personal life there are interesting but disturbing experiences ahead. You make at least one enemy in the next few months but on the other hand you will make friends who may be of great help to you later. If planning marriage, go ahead. If already married, take trouble to see that the domestic harmony is preserved throughout the 12 months.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14: FOR MOST OF US: Muddle for the day. In spite of what you promise or what you pay out. Socially an interesting time; parties and outings do well midday. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pink, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be one of the happiest years you have lived through for some time. In spite of doubt and muddle, you will be more confident and optimistic than for years past. Changes in personal affairs will be so satisfactory that you won't worry overmuch about business or finance.

A link-up made earlier in the year will put you in a good frame of mind. This particular tie will be of an idealistic nature and may result from some common social or philanthropic interest. It looks as though you will join some group or society during the next

few months and that the other person concerned will be already a member.

On the financial side there is confusion ahead. You won't lose money in 1950 but you will be constantly bothered about prospects of making it. Changes in your particular environment are likely to throw out your plans for the next eight or nine months. There is some prospect of travel, particularly during March and about October. If you do go abroad you will have curious experiences while on a journey. Indeed, throughout 1950 you will be prone to add "hunches" and flashes of intuition.

Younger people in your circle will give you more than one headache during the 12 months. And if you employ others you will have more than one difficult patch. But most personal relationships will be satisfactory throughout the year and some misunderstanding that existed with an older person is likely to be cleared up.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15: FOR MOST OF US: Steadily progressive day; try to get changes, new schemes, completed. Evening hours propitious for entertaining. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cream, 1, Crystal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although in some ways this will be a dull period in your life, in others it will be a satisfactory one. Any urge you may have towards romance or adventure will be unsatisfied in 1950 but you will make progress in business and probably settle down to a comfortable domestic routine.

There is some likelihood of a change of job or of environment in September or October. If you get a good offer about the end of August it might be wise to take it. Someone in whose employ you have been or who had reasons for keeping in touch with your family, may take an interest in you.

You are not likely to make a great deal of money this year but you will do fairly well, nevertheless. Towards your next birthday there is some prospect of a windfall or gains through gambling. Better not risk much in speculation, though; straightforward routine business will bring you all you need.

If thinking of moving house, go ahead. Travel plans would also work out well this year. Changes, although not inevitable, would benefit your health and would add to family comfort and happiness.

It is probably a better year for those already married than for those still single. If settled, you will find this a pleasant enough period, though you may occasionally long for something to break the monotony. If single and thinking of marriage, you may find that you have sacrificed romance and prospects of happiness for a secure and humdrum match.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16: FOR MOST OF US: Likely to be an expensive day; beware of bad bargains, extravagant friends. Better for new schemes and for travel than for routine jobs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Bright blue, 4, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: You may have financial worries this year but from most points of view it will be a fortunate and interesting period in your life. You gain fresh mental and emotional stimulus in the next few months and in consequence may achieve some long-desired success before the end of the year. It will be a notable period in your mental and social development.

Better economise a little until after Easter; the chances are that you are spending more than you can afford at the moment and that life will tend to become more expensive as the months go by. Don't attempt to recoup yourself by speculation or by borrowing. If you do more trouble will result. You can safely go ahead in new and daring enterprises this year, particularly if you take the plunge in February, June or October. Some new venture that may take you abroad may hang fire at first but proves very satisfactory after a few months' trial.

If you don't travel this year you will have much to do with people from overseas. But the chances are that you will leave the country yourself and you need have no hesitation in doing so. Contacts made abroad in 1950 will prove immensely valuable.

If you are a free agent, you will enjoy life this year and may plunge into a romance of unusual intensity. If married, you may find it difficult to break away from your accustomed routine, though it would be well worth while doing so. Women in your circle will be inclined to make trouble throughout the year.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17: FOR MOST OF US: Day of curious cross-currents and upsets. If you have sufficient tenacity and patience, however, you can bring a long delayed project to a successful conclusion. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Red-brown, 8, Garnet.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begins a change but very interesting year. For the first nine months of 1950 you will probably find that a scheme hangs fire and that you have perforce to mark time. After that life speeds up and you will feel that you are making progress as you desire.

Changes due about September may take you back to former scenes or bring you in touch again with former friends. Something you were doing in 1940 or 1941 now becomes important. Or, maybe, you find it possible to utilise training or experience gained in those years.

In some way older men play an important part in your affairs. If your father is surviving you have much to do with him and many benefits through him this year. Alternatively, you make a useful link-up with a man some 10 years your senior.

Financially, it will be a year of ups and downs. You may benefit through legacies or get some assurance about future security, but from time to time you will be short of ready cash. Probably you will not feel quite easy about business and finance until September or October 1950. In your personal life there are reshuffles ahead and one of these will take you back into a circle that you frequented some time ago. From the point of view of personal happiness, the older you are the better. Many people over 40 who were born on a December 17 will marry, or re-marry during 1950.

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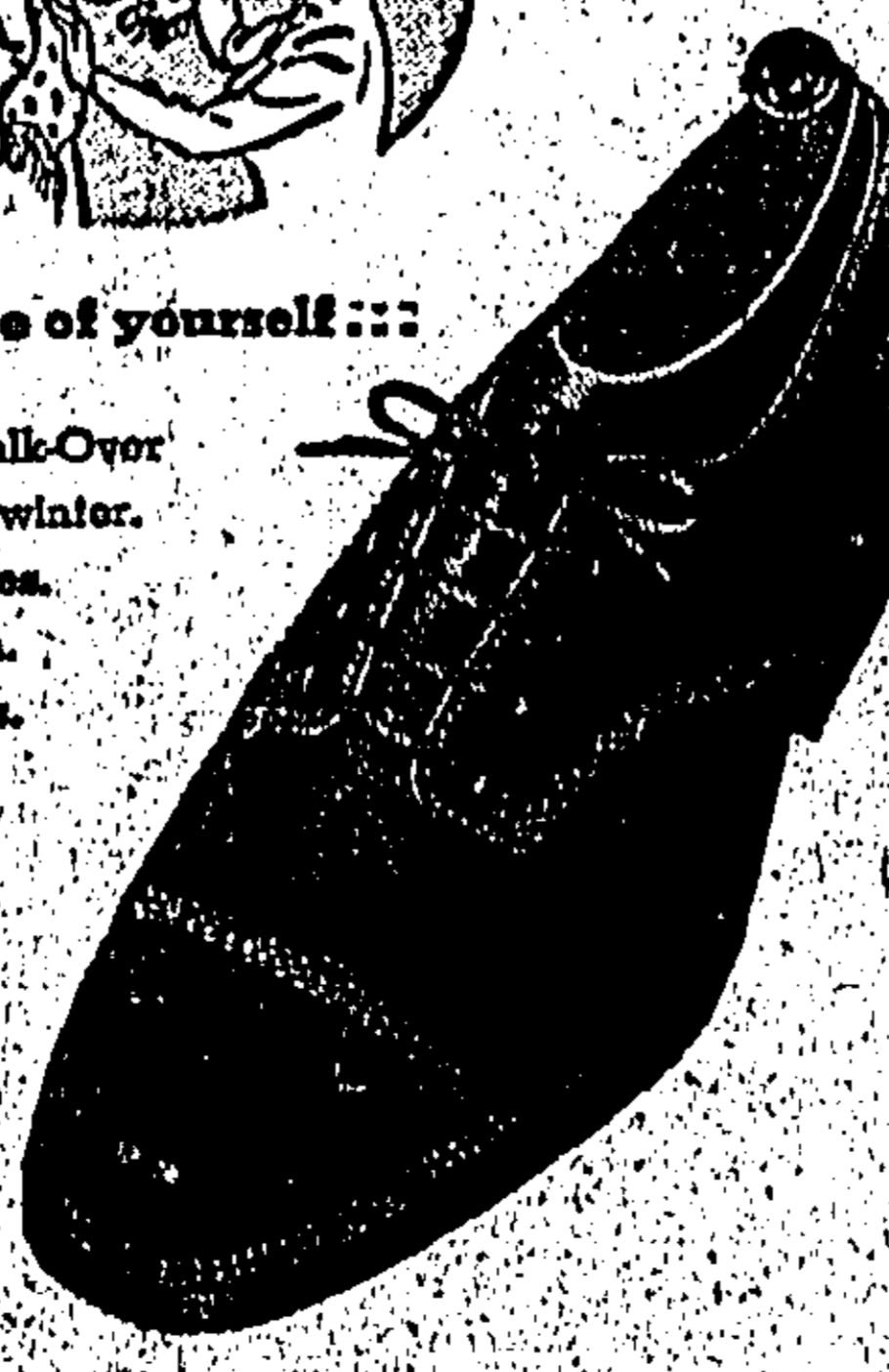
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Patrick Campbell's Piece

"I don't suppose," I said, about to snap the knob off an eclair, "you're thinking of selling your piano?"

We'd been over nearly everything else.

"What a charming garden. I always think that Abbeles have such compelling eyes. Are groundnuts the same as monkey nuts? Isn't it a frightful task clearing up all these leaves?"

If I hadn't thought of the piano we might have run down altogether, and I always say that, tea parties without conversation are death.

I thought of the piano because there was one in the corner of the room, and I was wondering, as an extension, perhaps, of clearing up leaves, if I would ever get any further with my double-introduction, 15-second rendition of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees".

It took me six weeks during a rainy spell in the summer of 1927 to learn to play "Trees"—with both hands, notes by notes—and another eight weeks to find out that Joyce Kilmer was a man.

I found the music on top of the piano in the bathroom, and picked out the melody idly with one finger. Then it occurred to me that a huge and fuller performance should be only a matter of time.

I sat down and worked out what all the black spots meant, in treble and bass, and by the end of the first week had got as far as: "I think that I shall now—"

It sounded just like someone playing the piano, and I played it over and over again. The other holiday-makers in the Grand Hotel mostly went out early, for walks.

By the end of the second week I'd rounded the whole thing off

as far as: "I think that I shall now—"

During the third week I tried to advance into the bush-country surrounding the third line of the song, but here, while the work at the sharp end remained much the same as we had had before, the bass went to pieces altogether.

I performed the double introduction, and was about to launch out into the song proper, when I saw, to my surprise, that a number of couples had risen to dance. Some of the couples appeared to be waiting. Others were busy with the large, a clumsy and a miscellaneous collection of fox-trots, quick and slow. Trying to find a happy medium between these varying rhythms, I gave them the overture for the third time.

I would have been wiser to have left it at that and slipped off the stool in a dead faint, or told them I was called away on business, but I suddenly became convinced that if I were to rush at it I should be able to play the whole thing right through, even including the tangled bit about the nest of robins in her hair.

I struck out. Sweet as a nut as far as "a poem lovely as a tree"—the boundary of my knowledge—and then everything shut down. I sat there with the hands raised above the keyboard, paralysed, and then I turned round and said: "I'm sorry, friends, I'm jerked."

I was just remembering how angry the dancers had been—they seemed to look upon it as a practical joke—when I was recalled to the present by my hostess—and I hope that you will be too.

once—to the concert grand, and invited by the lady to give place. Once through, I thought would be enough, and then, having aroused their appetite, I would knock off, leaving them with the feeling that if only that nice boy had gone on a little longer he would have been ever so much better than the band.

I looked at the piano. It was carried out in walnut veneer, with brass candlesticks hanging off the front.

"I suppose," I said, "it could be a sort of upright refrigerator?"

"No, no," said the lady. "I bought it at an auction and I got the numbers mixed up. You can have it for £5."

"A liver!" I exclaimed. "The raw material—the very trunk and branches of 'Trees'—for £5! I'll take it at once."

I did, too. On a handkerchief belonging to the butler next door, he stripped up the piano with a mile of rope. He said it would "look more of a job." What he meant was that it would look less like Moe and Joe, the itinerant musicians.

We pushed the piano down the main street of the village, with the opening bars of "Chloe" ringing out every time we went over a bump. The men from next door were hoping he wouldn't meet any of his relations, but I was just feeling that old black magic in the digits.

We laid the piano to rest in the music room. My wife examined it in the light of what a liver might have bought.

"The keys are all yellow," she said, "and—look—this one doesn't work at all."

"That one," I told her, "isn't going to be used. It's above the zone of operations. You only use that for the earth's sweet flowing breath, and I haven't got that far yet."

I sat down. Run my hands over the keyboard. Tossed back a bagful of hair. "Trees," I announced, "with double intro."

It was just as good as ever. I played it again, and again, and again. I looked up. "You don't strain, do you?" I said.

She sat down immediately at my instrument. She picked out a couple of chords. Sounded like oom-pom-pom, oom-pom-pom, oom-pom-pom, pom. But suddenly she began to sing. And to play.

"Jack, he was pish a lonely cowboy pom-pom. With a heart so brave pom and true oom-pom-pom. And he learnt pom to love a maiden pom-pom. With eyes pom of Heaven's over blue oom-pom-pom."

"But it's only a couple of first primer chords," I cried, "even if you do fiddle a bass." But she was off again.

"And they found pom they loved each other pom-pom. Then came pom their wedding day oom-pom-pom. But a quar-pom-rel rose between them pom-pom. And poor Jack pom, he rode away oom-pom-pom."

"In there any more?" I said coldly.

"A bit," she replied, and struck up again.

The piano is now closed. It seems that person can't play the opening bars of "Trees" for a moment or two without other people pushing in and singing songs with 40 verses—and the same blinking accompaniment to every one.

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The Two Camps

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: Communist General Yeh Chien-ying, Governor of Kwantung, has previously stated that he is a supporter of nationalism. At the same time he claimed to be an internationalist.

The history of the Chinese Communist Party shows that there has existed two camps within the Party. One is the nationalist or "local Communist" camp and the other is the internationalist camp.

They have never been on good terms with each other. The split came out into the open during the Chinese Communist Party's Long March to Shensi, near the borders of the Soviet, the international clique infiltrated into the Party. At present the international group controls Manchuria and is causing concern to the nationalist camp.

Recently, the Peoples Republic of China named the appointed chiefs of the various military administrations throughout the country. The majority of these chiefs belong to the international clique.

Since the establishment of the Peoples Republic all local Peoples Governments have been abolished except the one in Manchuria, which is controlled by the international group.

The continued existence of a People's Government in Manchuria, the signing of treaties with Soviet Russia, the Angus Ward incident, the activities of Soviets in China, the mushrooming of Sino-Soviet Associations and the recently established "Far East Information Bureau" are all signs of the international group's influence.

However, any attempt by the Chinese Communist Party to throw an Iron Curtain over China will not succeed. Unless harmony between the two camps

is achieved the future of the Chinese Communist Party in China is not bright.

Reds Given The Lie

KUNG SHEUNG YAT PO: The Chinese Communists have achieved a stupendous victory in China. They are in a position now to fulfil the promises they have made—the liberal policies they have previously assured the people would be carried out when they are in power.

Recent events in China, however show that the Communists are not making any attempt to carry out their promises. Events belie the failure.

When the Nationalists were in power they were severely criticised for the inflation. The Communists then also accused the Nationalist of corruption and inefficiency.

Let's look at the Communists in power today. They also cannot control inflation. Their currency has depreciated today to one-tenth of its original value of 50 days ago.

How sound is their economy? They are compelling traders to provide of loss of HK\$10,000,000. This is unprecedented in China's history. The Nationalists never attempted this sort of thing.

A further point is the monopoly policy. Trade is today virtually exclusively in the hands of local Communists. Trade restrictions have brought business to a standstill.

We can take it that this is only a fraction of what is really happening behind the Chinese Communist Iron Curtain.

Direction Indicators

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: The police have announced that every motor vehicle must have a direction indicator before the end of 1949. Motorists feel it necessary to know for the Traffic Department to grant them more time to comply with the new regulation.

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as none can be obtained in the shops.

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New Order Threat

TA KUNG PAO: The Central People's Government's policy is firm and will safeguard the rights of the people and the interest of free enterprise. Opportunists have no place in the new China.

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The new government has realised that the community as a whole will be affected by bad elements. Fed with Kuomintang propaganda, the people are still in a stupor and believe that they can evade the law.

If they do not immediately reform they are inviting the government to have no alternative but to exterminate them.

The laws of the new government are aimed at the welfare of the people. They must abide by these laws.

A Good Cause

WAN KIU YAT PO: Regarding the disastrous fire which destroyed 750 huts in Shamshuipo district, rendering 2,000 people homeless, we urge all the charitable institutions and philanthropists of the Colony to take action and start immediate relief work.

Speaking of relief, the most important thing is to restore a normal livelihood to those affected by the fire. To let them continue to be destitute will produce unfavourable results to our social order.

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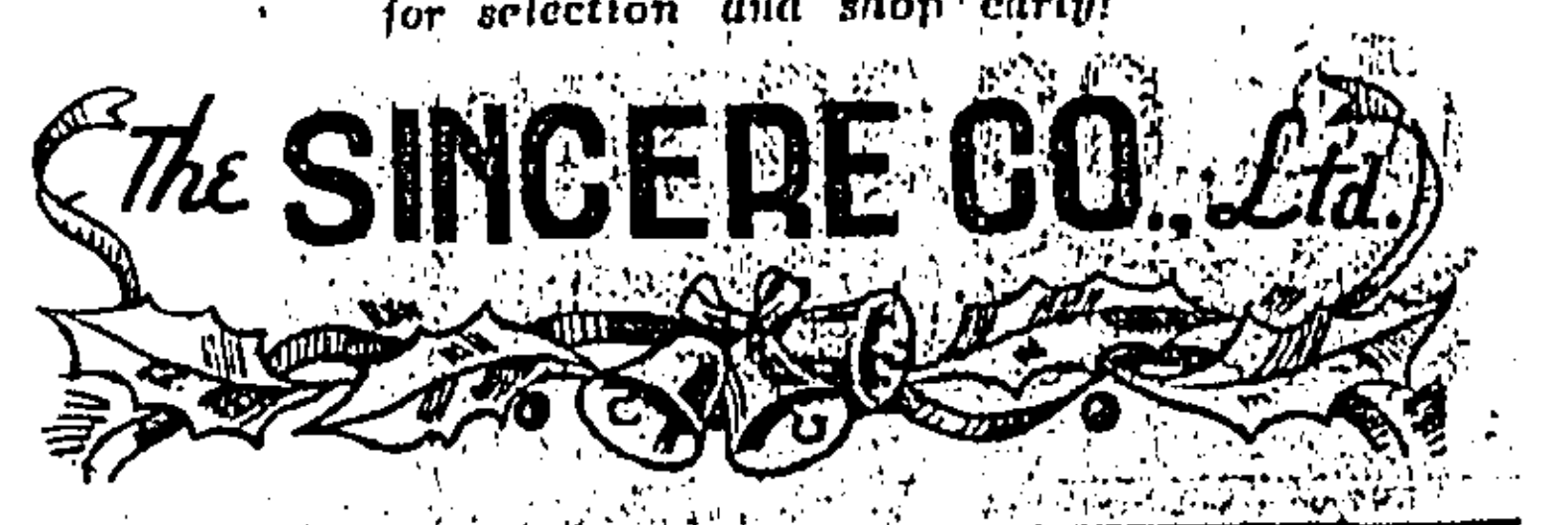
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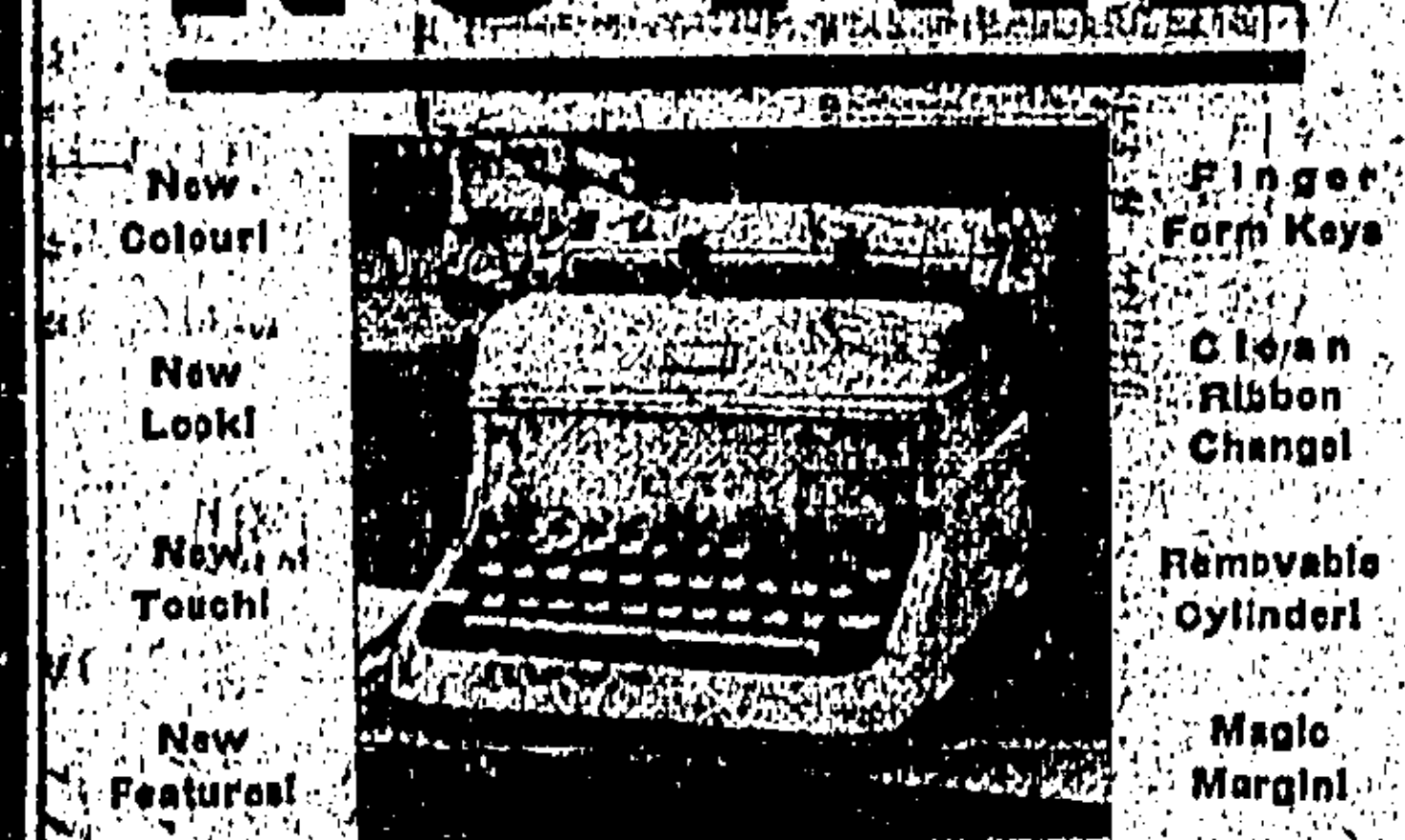
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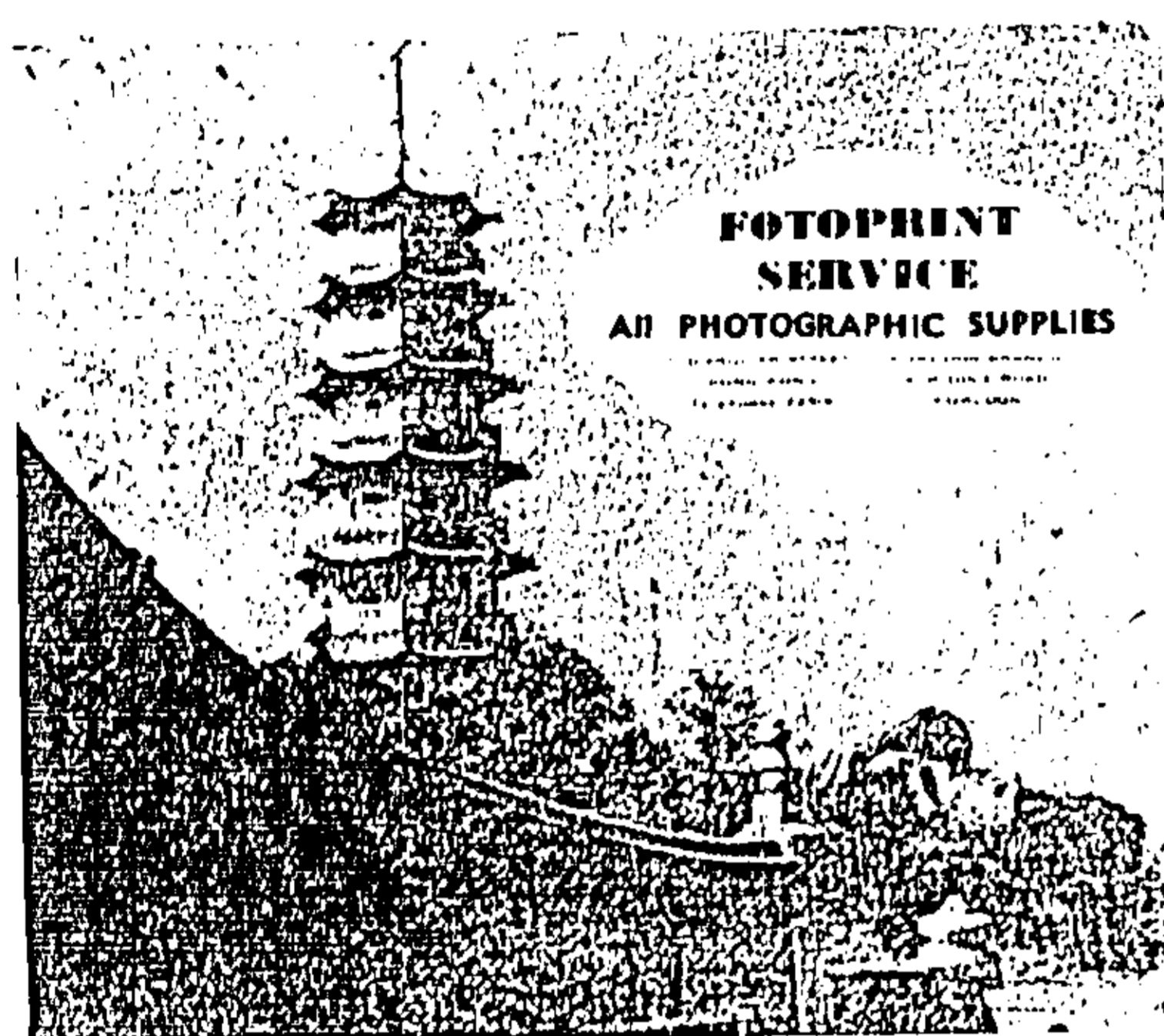
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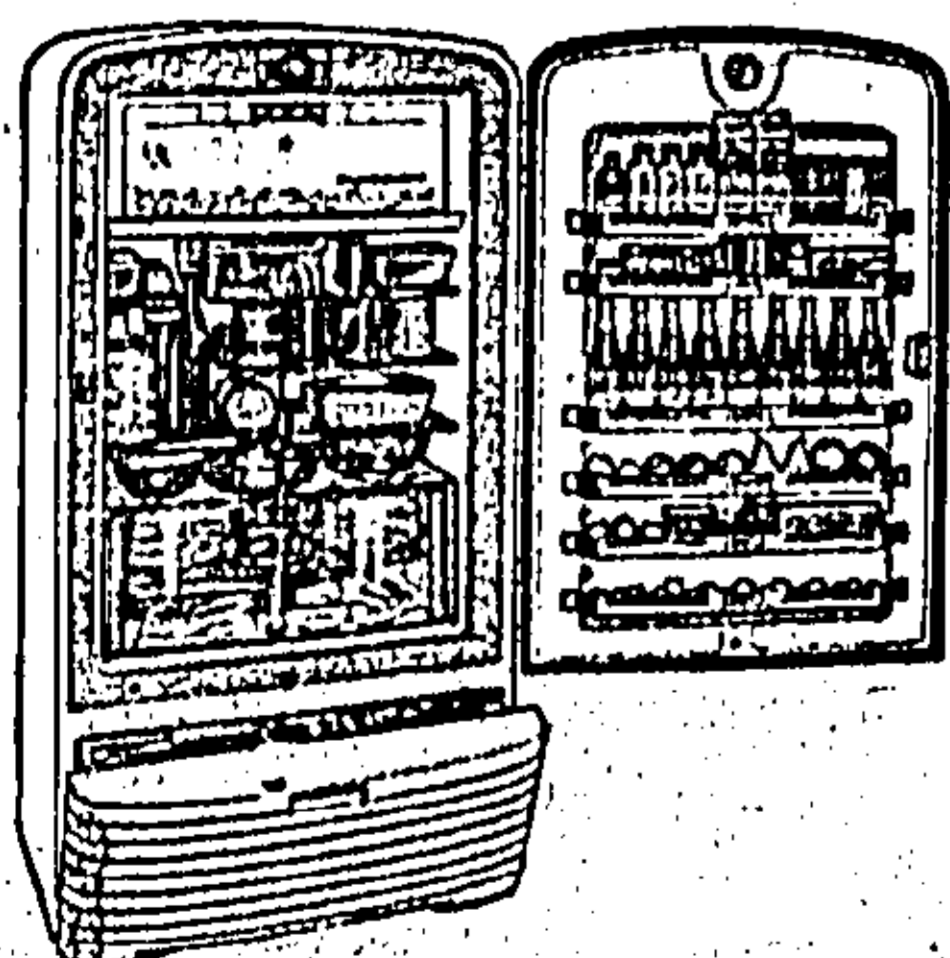


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Anonymous Letter Leads To Finding Of Mass Graves

Hamburg, December 9.

Mass graves containing more than 300 bodies of concentration camp inmates have been found on the Baltic Coast near Luebeck, official German sources disclosed today.

Police believe that the corpses are those of inmates of the infamous Neuengamme concentration camp.

In the last few days of the war thousands of the internees were loaded into two ships in Luebeck—presumably to get

them away from the advancing British armies.

But the two ships were sunk in Luebeck Bay in an air raid.

The newly discovered bodies—among them German guards—are believed to be of people drowned when the ships were sunk.

The graves were found at Sierksdorf near Scharbeutz.

The discovery followed an anonymous letter to the local authorities accusing the Mayor of secretly burying bodies on his land.

The Schleswig-Holstein Land (State) Government today issued a statement that investigation had disclosed 89 bodies buried on the Mayor's land. It quoted the Mayor as saying that he was ordered by a British officer to bury concentration camp inmates washed ashore after the ships were sunk.

SS Massacre

The Government statement said that the Mayor has been suspended at his own request until an investigation has been held to determine why the graves were not reported sooner.

Police said that between 200 and 300 bodies have been exhumed so far. They expected to find a further 100 in graves still being excavated. The bodies included 42 German soldiers, police reported.

Police and doctors are investigating a charge that SS guards shot the internees as they struggled in the water. Corpses are being examined for traces of bullet wounds.

The story that the internees were machine-gunned in the water and as they clambered up the beach to safety has persisted locally ever since the war.—Associated Press.

RELEASE OF SLAVS

Berlin, December 9.

The Communist People's Police of Eastern Berlin released the Yugoslav Military Mission from house arrest this afternoon with an apology that "it was a mistake."

"Volkspolizei" officer notified Colonel M. I. Silinovich at 2:45 p.m. that the day-long imprisonment was an error and the 16 Yugoslavs who had been besieged by a police cordon since midnight were free to go any time they wish.

The officer said the entire Yugoslav delegation now has until December 17 to remove its people and equipment from the Russian sector.

The Mission was discredited on Thursday night by the East German Federal Republic.

Western quarters said the move was ordered because Marshal Tito had not recognized the Communist East German government.

A spokesman for the Yugoslav Military Mission said that the Yugoslavs are hurrying to the British sector. An official British source said that a political affairs officer would meet the Yugoslav delegation later today and "if they ask us for accommodation we will certainly do our best."—Associated Press.

New Economic Union In Europe

Paris, December 9.

The conference between France, Italy and the Benelux countries ended here tonight after having drafted a joint report recommending the establishment of an economic and monetary union between the five States, a communiqué announced.

This report will be submitted to the five governments for approval, the communiqué said.

The communiqué said that experts had been meeting in Paris between November 29 and December 9. It added that the report would remain secret.—Reuter.

GERMANY WANTS AN ARMY

Bonn, December 9.

The West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, today urged the Western Allies to permit limited rearmament of Germany to cope with what he suggested was a greater danger—a Russian threat to the Western world.

For the fourth time within a week, Dr. Adenauer urged that Germany be allowed to have German "contingents" of armed forces in the Western European army. It was the Chancellor's boldest statement to date on the politically explosive subject in the Western Allied world.

He spoke before the Executive Committee of the British Zone Council of his Christian Democratic Party. Previously, he had always made such proposals with the qualifying phrase, "if the Allies insist."

There was no qualification this time. It was as close to a demand as the German Chancellor could come.

The overall statement was closely backed later by Franz Blücher, Vice-Chancellor and leader of the Free Democratic Party. Mr. Blücher asserted that the German people were now uniting, but rearmament was freely discussed everywhere "because everyone realizes what a dangerous position undefended Germany is in."

Dr. Adenauer received one criticism today when the Allied High Commission rejected a letter in which he asked for the admittance of the Western German republic to the International Ruhr authority.—United Press.

GOOD NEWS FOR FRAU SCHNELLE

Frankfurt, December 9.

The Frankfurt military police post, to please a German housewife, is reducing the charge in gun outside the headquarters of the American High Commissioner, Mr. John J. McCloy, which fires a salute twice daily as the American flag is raised and lowered.

The housewife, Frau W. M. Schmale, whose flat is just opposite the Commanding Officer's "Every morning at seven we nearly fall out of our beds, the whole house shakes and the windows nearly break." The military have assured her that the lowest possible charge will be used in future in the gun "to reduce the shock effect to the minimum."—Reuter.

POLISH FORCES NOW PART OF RED ARMY

London, December 10.

Analysis of intelligence reports available here indicates that the Soviet Union has virtually incorporated the Polish Army into that of the USSR.

This feat has been accomplished by the issuance on a large scale of dual citizenship to high-ranking Soviet officers who have been posted to Warsaw.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's was only the last and most dramatic of these appointments.

While President Boleslaw Bierut is, technically, commander in chief of Poland's armed forces, Marshal Rokossovsky is the actual chief. The head of his General Staff is General Korzycki, a Soviet officer who has been working on reorganization of the Polish Army since 1945.

One of General Korzycki's deputies, Major General Slawicki, is also a Soviet officer.

In charge of training and organization of the Polish land forces is one of the Ministers of Defence, General Stanislaw Poplawski of the Soviet Army. His Chief of Staff is Soviet Major General Sienicki.

The following army inspectors are understood to be Soviet officers: For artillery, Lieutenant General Wilewicz; for signals, Major General Malinowski; for engineers, Lieutenant General Bortolowski; for armoured units, Major General Mierzycki; for the frontier corps, Colonel Garbowski.

Air Force

Poland's Air Force is under the command of another Soviet officer, Major General Romyko.

Although the Navy is, technically, commanded by a Polish Admiral, Stoyan, it is understood that the real boss of that service is Commander Urbanowicz of the Soviet Fleet.

Three of Poland's four military commands are held by Soviet officers. Lieutenant General Rotkiewicz heads the Warsaw military district, Lieutenant General Puzoski heads the Warsaw military district, Lieutenant General Puzoski heads the Pomeranian military district, Lieutenant General Strazewski heads the Wroclaw (Breslau) military district. Only the Krakow command is held by a Pole, Lieutenant General Moskor.

Many of the names listed in the foregoing would appear to be Polish. However, it is understood that some are noms de guerre and others have had their spelling adopted to the Polish language.

Emigre Army

The Soviet Army gained its initial influence over the Polish forces when a pro-Soviet emigre Polish Army under Lieutenant Colonel Zigmund Berling was split off from the forces formed in the USSR by Lieutenant General Wladyslaw Anders. Berling was promoted to General Officer to command these troops.

After the war's end a large number of junior officers up to the level of regimental commander who were Soviet citizens were recalled to the USSR for the sake of appearance and replaced by Poles. Some Soviet generals were returned to Moscow, but several others remained with the Polish forces and were granted citizenship by the Warsaw regime.

Under the legal system prevailing in the Communist bloc of countries, this does not mean that they lose their Soviet passports but become, technically,

dual nationals. There can be no doubt where their prior loyalty remains because they are hand-picked for their jobs.

As Poland's forces were slowly built up during the past four years, there was a need for additional Soviet personnel at higher echelons and they have been quietly provided by the Kremlin. The results is that today Poland's army is in a comparable position to that of the Indian Army vis-a-vis Britain before India became a Dominion.

A majority of its high officers are Soviet. Absolute control remains in the hands of Moscow. All equipment and tactical and strategic direction comes from the USSR.

The manpower alone remains Polish. Even this, as in the case of the Indian Army, is somewhat augmented by the presence on Polish soil of some Soviet units in the neighbourhood of Silesia. A certain number of British battalions used to be assigned to Indian divisions.

Elite Corps

Thus Moscow has been able to create for its potential use a sizeable "colonial" army, which now is believed to total about 250,000 men.

It includes 16 infantry divisions (four in each military command), three artillery brigades, 10 tank regiments, five engineering regiments, six signal regiments, four artillery assault regiments and a number of special independent units such as rocket artillery. To this can be added 11 brigades in the frontier corps and 18 regiments in the security corps, which is composed of a reliable elite and used for political purposes.

It is understood that many industrial plants of potential war value, such as chemical and munitions factories, are now working under Soviet management and that Marshal Rokossovsky's forces are not directly supplied by these industries but receive allotments fixed by Soviet planners.

Chance For Ex-Nazis

Bonn, December 9.

Former Nazis who have lived in hiding since 1945 will have the chance to become legal again and go unpunished if they register under their real names by March 31, next year unless they have committed major crimes.

This is one of the provisions of an amnesty law rushed through the West German Bundestag in its second and third readings today in time to make the amnesty effective by Christmas.

Offences committed for political motives since 1945—mostly acts of revenge or spontaneous justice against former Nazis—will also be amnestied except for murder and crimes committed from selfish or dishonest motives or acts of cruelty.

An attempt by the extremist National Right to extend the political amnesty to acts committed under the Nazi regime was rejected by the House.—Reuter.

Peasant Revolt Dies Down

Rome, December 9.

Police today began intensive "mopping up" operations in the Roman countryside to clear up the remnants of the Italian "peasant revolt."

Nine per cent of the land occupied by peasants from great estates around Rome had been evacuated tonight, but the police estimate that the peasants still hold about 6,000 acres.

As the police drive proceeded there were a few new outbreaks of land grabbing, but none on a large scale.

In Sicily and Sardinia, there were some resistance to police orders to move the peasants off the land that they had seized but no violence was reported.

A police officer, supervising the evacuation of the land near Rome and at the same time watching for new invasions, said tonight: "It is like walking along a slippery road—two steps forward and one step back."—Reuter.



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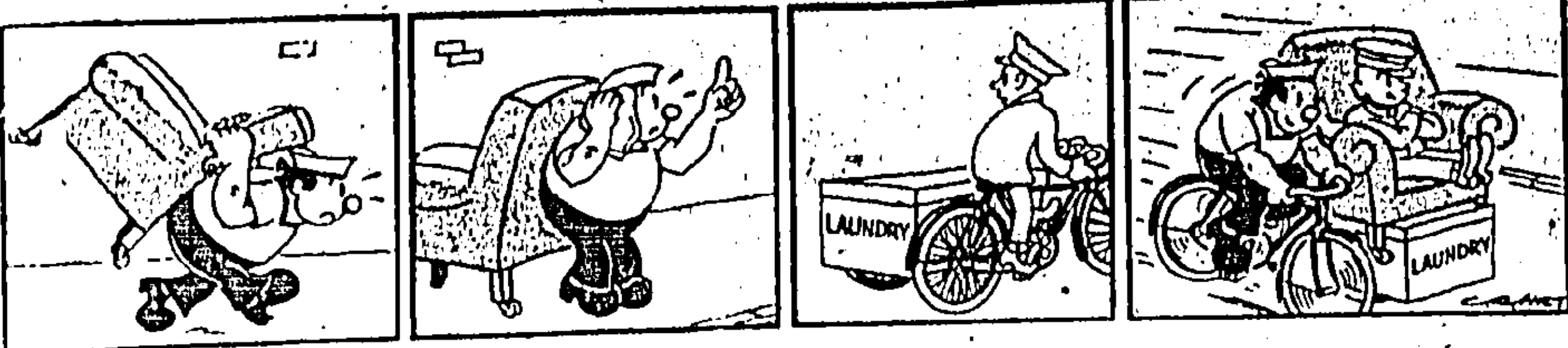
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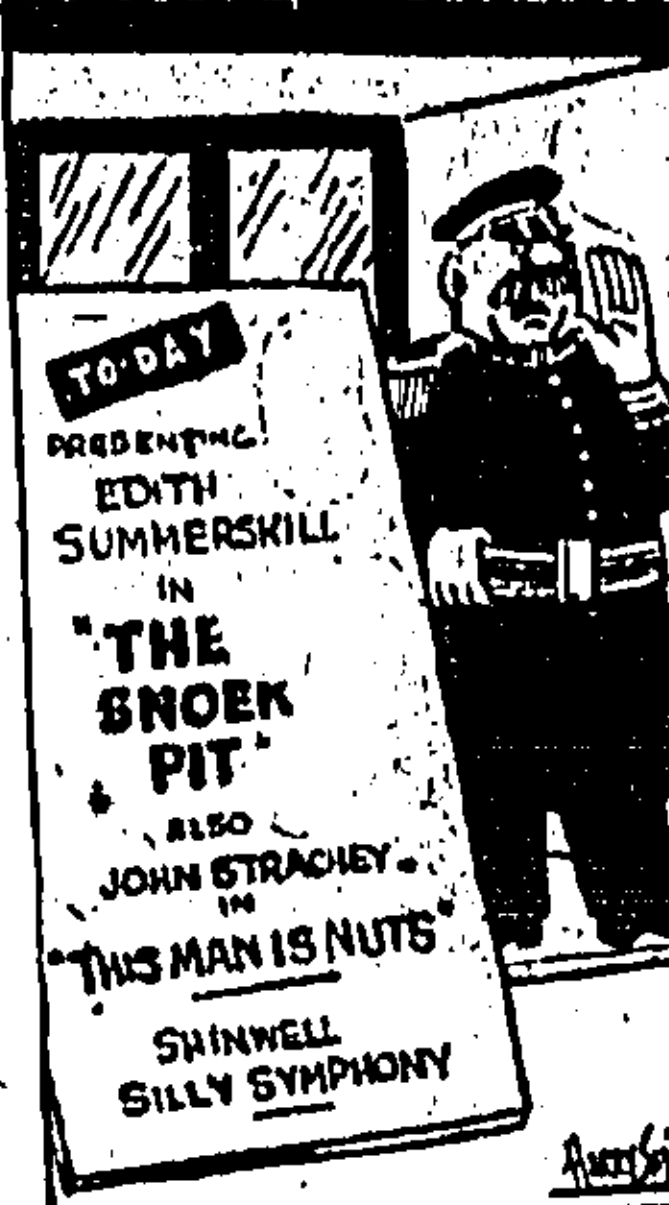


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Just now I keep having a dream, a sort of day-dream really, and it goes like this. I am walking along the street and I meet a friend.

"Hello! How are you?" and the usual "Fine!" which establishes beyond doubt that it is a dream.

Then he (or she) goes on to ask, "And how are you?"

"I have an awful cold," I tell them, in the voice of one whose throat has recently been cut, this being the only voice I have right now.

"Oh! I AM sorry," says the friend, and stands there making sympathetic noises. Beyond doubt I know I am in the Never Never Land, and by never-I mean NEVER. Because if this were real life my friend would either turn and fly, or stand there cackling at me and blowing his nose while I ting me exactly what to do to cure a cold.

Of course, I don't expect any sympathy for having a cold. Which is just as well, for if there is anybody in London at the moment who has not got a cold I haven't met them; and without boasting (I mustn't say anything to boast about) I really meet a lot of people.

It would be unkind to suggest that popchural barkings and general appearance of a bored spaniel have brought no spark of commiseration. The amiable, and sometimes kindly, characters among whom I work in this office positively brought me to go home to bed.

It was only when their voices began to get a slightly hysterical note of pleading that I dawned on me their motives were not entirely altruistic.

I guess I am just about the man-in-the-street's ideal of a person with a cold. If anybody has a pet cure for this dreary ailment I'm always willing to try it out. After all, what have I got to lose? Except the cold—I hope. And the chemists are not allowed

terribly tempted to point out that the darn thing had started out as His Cold, but since it was 100 per cent, mine by now, I refrained. Anyway, he didn't wait for an answer. "You and Mimi," he muttered, and took his pillow to another room, leaving me to reflect wistfully that the only thing I had in common with Mimi was cold hands and a nasty cough. My daughter was also affected. She went the first day, when I remarked that I felt something less than gay, because she always burles me if I so much as cut my finger.

After a few days, however, I began to notice a new note in her inquiries—a sort of sharp anxiety not altogether sympathetic.

In a short while now she is having a birthday party, and if Mimi is not on her feet, may I ask who is going to make the cakes? I assured her that almost nobody has a cold for more than a month.

Now she flies into my room on her way to school in the morning. She hugs me with enthusiasm (this is not wise, I know, but cannot be prevented) and says: "Good-morning-darling-are-you-better?"

Then with a flip of a brief plicated skirt she is gone. Her eyes are bright, her cheeks are pink, clearly nobody could be very ill when she feels so radiant.

This spectacle cheers me a little when I recall that only two weeks back she had an absolute Lulu of a cold herself.

If you want to know what I really think about cold cures, I would say by far the nicest is the one where you go to bed and drink hot whisky. Not because I believe whisky necessarily cures a cold but because it makes having one so much more bearable.

Staying in bed is undoubtedly the wisest plan. If everybody did this the London streets would be quite empty at the moment. However, with life the way it is today, there is only one answer to such a suggestion, isn't there? "No go to bed? Don't be silly."

(This being the case with the majority of people, it is perhaps comforting to reflect on the following statistics on the duration of the average cold.)

Short of going to bed, if you do absolutely everything to cure a cold, the chances are you get rid of it in 10 days—and if you don't do anything about it at all it will probably last a week and three days.

BOOKS ABOUT BRITAIN

The announcement of a State visit to Britain by the French President in March, which will afford a welcome opportunity for His Majesty to repair much of the grave damage done to Anglo-French relations by His Majesty's Socialist Ministers, has confirmed existing suspicions that the general election will come early in the New Year.

It is now unlikely that this Parliament will assemble again after Christmas. And it is probable that the sections of the electorate will devote some part of their holiday reading to matters political.

Snacks Of Facts
The busiest, as well as the laziest of such people may well be grateful to Mr. Charles Graves, who has added to the series of "Smatterbooks," which he is editing for the Naldrett Press, three booklets or should it be booklets? dealing with the principal political parties.

Mr. Graves is a famous publicist who has in his time scratched at the surface of many and various subjects. His strictly "opencast" system has not prevented him from striking it rich again and again.

The series over which he now presides caters cleverly enough for contemporary cultural appetites, which evidently prefer snacks to square meals.

A Distinct 'Angle'
In the present instance Mr. Graves has allowed each party to prepare these facts officially, so it is therefore desirable for an impartially minded person to purchase all three booklets, but this can be managed for 1s. 6d. or less than the price of a rank bad evening at the pictures.

One cannot conscientiously advise people to spend much more than this sum on political literature of an exclusively topical nature. Such books make poor investments. They are often out of date before they reach the bookshelves, and the open shelves outside the second-hand shops in Charing Cross-road bear eloquent testimony to the swift and desperate devaluation to which they are subjected.

The latter is a fate unlikely to be escaped by Messrs. Hamish Hamilton's typically well-produced volume (at 15s., entitled "No Cause for Alarm").

The book, which purports to be a dispassionate account of Mr. Attlee's Brave New Britain, has nevertheless, like so many such works from American hands, a distinct "slant" or "angle." So eminent a Socialist critic as Mr.

Richard Crossman has noted Miss Cowles' philosophy as he calls it, which is that "England is still run by the best people."

A Ringside Seat
"But the best people are changing, and to know the new England you have got to make some new acquaintances," Miss Cowles herself found no cause for alarm in the prospect of this widening the circle of her already wide English acquaintanceship.

As belittled a foreign correspondent with a flair for being on the spot when battles begin or regimes crack and crumble, she had lost no time in equipping herself for the great Socialist experiment.

Her equipment was even extended to an English husband who had secured election as a Labour M.P., and who was ready, chin up and lips resolutely pursed, to face the Future by her side, having first turned his athletic back on the fading society whose comforts and privileges he had from birth enjoyed.

Not the least of Miss Cowles' many likeable traits is her deep and abiding love for this country. But it is a love which is seldom lightened by much insight or understanding.

Only very rarely does she hit upon a happy and sensitive phrase, as she does when she speaks of Britain having "all the intimacy of a small nation, but none of its provincialisms."

Easily Surprised
There are good chapters in Miss Cowles' book, and Americans will find in its 300-odd pages more than the hundred facts deemed to constitute a smattering of knowledge about Britain.

But these severely selective facts are interwoven with a wealth of anecdote and reminiscence which, while entertaining no doubt for the casual reader, will not convince the more discerning of Miss Cowles' qualifications as a serious observer.

She devotes a whole chapter to Mr. Churchill, one of the "best people" with whom she has been for many years acquainted. She recalls (without I gather having felt impelled to seek his permission to do so) many of her meetings with him.

Sometimes it is her memory which is at fault, sometimes it is merely her powers of observation or her command of the English language.

It is no doubt her ignorance of the latter which causes her to say that Mr. Churchill is "incapable of repartee." And her inaccurate statement that she attended as a godmother, the war-time christening of his grandson in "a small chapel" (instead of, as was the case, a parish church), is probably due to her ignorance of



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to sell anything poisonous without a prescription. Not very poisonous, that is.

So my bathroom shelf has an array of little bottles; some may "lineate," some are pills, and some say "Take with Hot Water." The only thing they have in common is that you are to take these in varying quantities every four hours.

Since nobody in their senses (not even I) would take them all at once, the whole thing keeps me quite busy. I watch the clock, and at frequent and regular intervals dash for the bathroom.

This is a bit disconcerting for anyone who happens to be with me, but otherwise does no harm, so far it hasn't done any good either for that matter.

The only thing I notice is that the pills seem to rattle slightly when I walk. If it's not the pills, I fear me the end is nigh.

My family, of course, are in this thing quite deeply. The Family Provider regarded me with the fascinated horror I personally reserve for troupe artists. I know they are going through with their act—I am powerless to stop it. It is unlikely they will kill themselves, but by no means certain.

"If you're in for one of Your Colds, why don't you go to bed?" said the F.P. sensibly. I was

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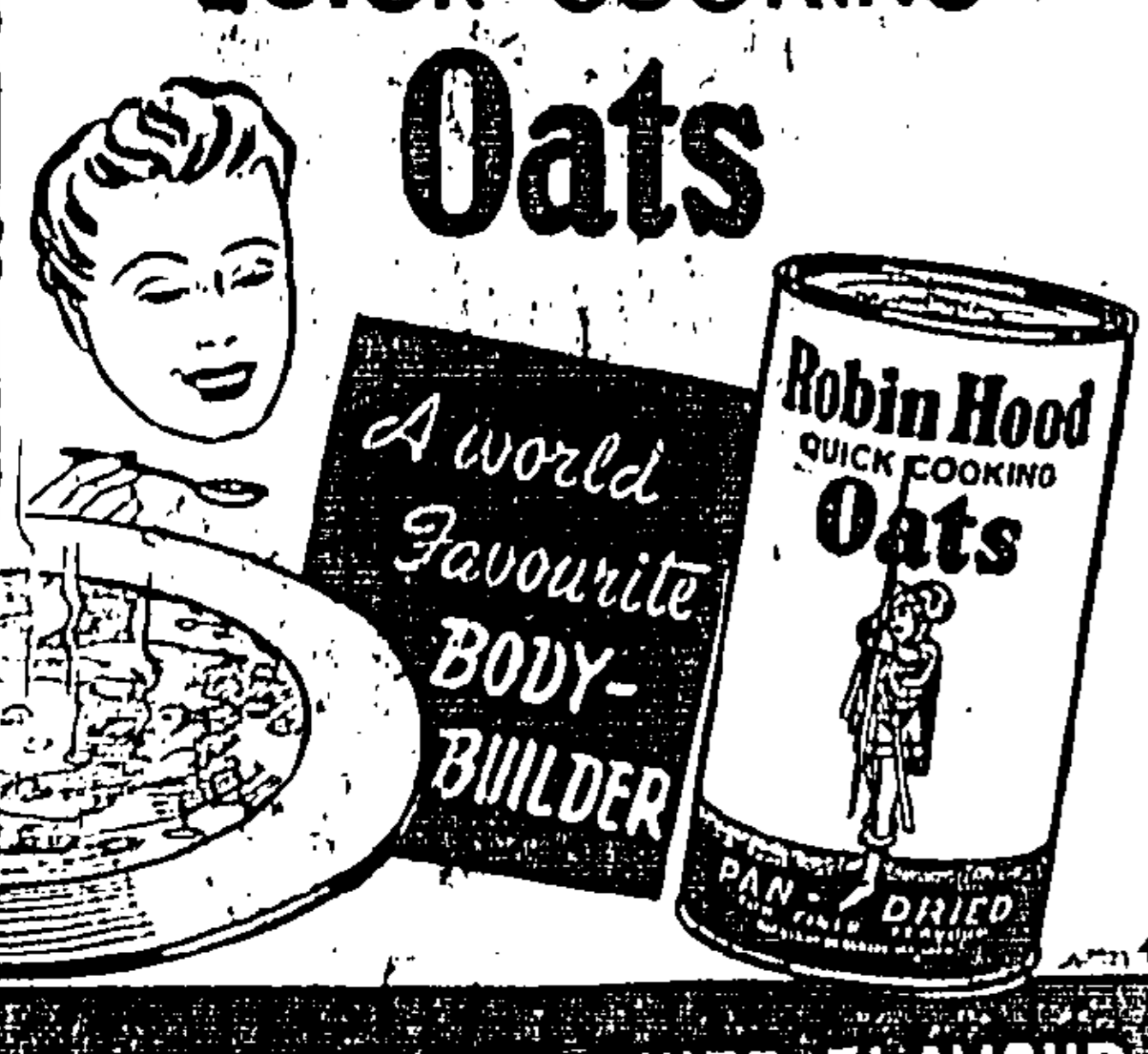
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UN Dodging The Issue Of China

New York, December 9.

"The Times," commenting on the United Nations' votes on China, says that the General Assembly did not come to an outright vote or outright conclusion on China's charges against the Soviet Union.

The situation in respect of China and Russia is, therefore, held somewhat in suspense.

BRITISH PLANS IN AFRICA

Lake Success, December 9. Britain told the United Nations Trusteeship Council today that she plans to complete her withdrawal from Italian Somaliland and hand over the administration to Italy by the end of March.

Mr. John Fletcher-Cooke, the British delegate, asked the Council to negotiate as quickly as possible a trusteeship agreement with Italy, so that the withdrawal operation could be completed before the monsoon.

Italy was awarded trusteeship over the territory by the terms of the General Assembly's decision last month on the future of the former Italian colonies, which have all been administered by Britain since the war.

Egypt, Colombia, Ethiopia, and India were invited today to sit at the Council table and take part in the discussions, without vote.

The invitations to Egypt, Colombia, Ethiopia and India to sit at the Council table were issued without objection after a brief procedural debate. Egypt and Colombia are taking part as members of the Advisory Council, which will assist Italy in the running of Somaliland, Ethiopia as an interested State and India because of her proposals for a constitution for the territory.

Mr. Fletcher-Cooke told the Council that details of the transfer of authority will have to be very carefully executed according to a previously planned timetable. It will involve complicated movements of stores and personnel, which will cover a period of several weeks. The Council then adjourned. Reuter.

The editorial continued: "It is obvious that the United Nations does not want to face the central issue any more than does the United States for fear that an irretrievable step might be taken."

"Meanwhile, movement of the Chinese Nationalist capital to Taiwan raises the problem that the issue cannot be solved by reference to some future discussion. This is no longer a matter for theorising. The facts of Taiwan's peculiar strategic importance must be faced."

"Taiwan is to be the base for carrying on the struggle against the Chinese Communists," said Acting President Li Tung-jen on arrival here said this struggle would not be abandoned.

"We shall have to decide therefore if we are willing completely to disassociate ourselves from it and, indeed, by what action we take in respect of Taiwan if we will give encouragement to one side or the other."

The "Herald-Tribune" editorial, captioned "Collapse in China," said today: "While it would be tempting to believe that the troubles of the Communists in various rural areas will become more and more serious actual prospect, it seems that the Reds eventually can eliminate all resistance of any consequence on the mainland."

Bitter Truth

"Unless they make serious efforts in using their strength they will be entering the mainland of China for a considerable time to come."

"They also are likely to take Hainan... and may make strenuous efforts to take Taiwan. Well-informed American observers predicted the outcome of the conflict in China long ago. The most astute of them dimly foresaw what would happen as early as 1945."

"Their predictions now have been proved correct and future American policy for China must be based on the bitter truth that the Chinese Reds have won the civil war except for a few scattered inland centres of resistance and island outposts."—United Press.

Africa To Be Linked Economically

Cape Town, December 9. Representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, Portugal and the British colonies in Africa will meet here at the end of 1950 at the invitation of the South African Government, to discuss plans for linking all Africa economically.

The United States has been invited to send observers, but will not take active part in the conference, informed sources said. They added that the conference would discuss the increasing of African production by expanding and improving transportation facilities in and between all the countries and colonies.—United Press.

KASHMIR FORECAST

Lake Success, December 9.

The United Nations Kashmir Commission is expected to propose to the Security Council next week that a mediator be appointed in the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.

Extracts of the Commission's report arrived here today but were kept secret. Admiral Chester Nimitz, appointed Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir, has stated that he had seen the gist of the report but was not prepared to comment.

From other sources, it is understood that the report will contain an account of the Commission's failure to bring the two parties together on the question of a truce.

It will then probably propose that some prominent man be appointed Mediator—the inference being that this should be Admiral Nimitz.

The Security Council, which meets on December 17, to discuss the question again, will have to decide whether the dispute can still be settled by mediation or whether further action should be taken.

In Security Council circles it is thought that the next step should be arbitration, as provided for in Article 33 of the Charter.—Reuter.

PI CLAMPS DOWN ON SALES OF EXCHANGE

Manila, December 10.

The Philippines has clamped down restrictions on sales of foreign exchange and, through its Central Bank, will henceforth subject all gold and foreign exchange transactions to licensing.

The new action, which the Cabinet approved yesterday and made effective immediately, completes the system of controls designed to prevent the dwindling away of the Republic's dollar reserves.

It complements the newly-imposed drastic control on imports of luxury and non-essential goods and selective credit control regulations issued last month by the Central Bank.

The exchange control is reported to have been precipitated by unusually heavy purchases of foreign exchange since import controls were tightened early this month, which have been interpreted as a virtual flight of dollars from the Philippines.

Exchange control in effect plugged loopholes in the overall control programme which financial and economic experts of the Republic, with the co-operation of American experts, believed imperative in order to stave off severe economic dislocation due to dissipation of the country's dollar reserves.

The Governor of the Central Bank, Miguel Cuaderno, announced: "In restricting transactions in foreign exchange, the Monetary Board will endeavour to conserve the nation's international reserves in order to provide for importation of a sufficient quantity of commodities essential to the life and well-being of the people, and continuous operation of industrial plants and establishments which give employment and pay wages."

Capital Goods

The Central Bank fixed no ceilings on remittances sent abroad or the amount travellers or tourists may take out, saying that each case would be considered individually.

There will be no restriction on purchases of capital goods and other essential commodities. The exchange control is reported to have been favourably endorsed by the visiting International Monetary Fund mission. Banks and the business community in general, were taken by

surprise by the new controls. Most business leaders preferred to withhold comment pending careful study of the new regulation and all its implications.

Adverse Reaction

However, the former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Gil Puyat, considers both import and exchange controls untimely and too drastic.

Mr. Puyat said exchange control is incompatible with the Philippine desire to attract foreign capital into the country, because foreign investors would not be able to transfer their funds freely as before.

F. H. Stevens, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, said exchange control would check the outflow of dollars, but at the same time would not attract outside capital to enter.

Alfonso Sycep, president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said today that he has not yet had a chance to study the new measure, but fears it is likely to cause more confusion in trade.

L. R. Aginaldo, importer and a leading figure in the merchandise business, fears that the effect of the entire control system will be to stimulate inflation.—United Press.

MARIJUANA IN U.S. ZONE

Frankfurt, December 9.

The U.S. Army announced today that an Arab convicted by an American court of selling marijuana cigarettes to Germans and Americans in the U.S. occupation zone has been sentenced to 10 months imprisonment.

The Army said that the Arab is Ayed Benamen and that he was suspected of being in the U.S. zone illegally after discharge from the French Army.—Associated Press.

SAILOR ACCUSES DUTCH

Darwin, December 9.

Herbert Ammon, 25-year-old Australian, charged on his arrival by air from Batavia, Java, that the Dutch had held him without charge in a "concentration camp" for 14 months.

Ammon said that he was picked up when he was a member of the crew of the 40-foot barge "Perron" which lost its way in September 1948 en route to Darwin. He said another crew member, Frantz Gerson, and Gerson's wife, are still held by the Dutch.

Ammon said there are about 100 Germans, Japanese, Chinese, British and Russians in the camp where he was detained. He described conditions in the camp as "very bad," with police guards and meagre portions of soup, rice and bread for food.

He claimed that he was not permitted to see the Australian Consul until he had been in camp for more than five months. Only after the Australian Government had officially protested to the Dutch, was he permitted to leave Java, Ammon said.

He said the British Consul in Batavia had warned him not to make any statements to the Press about his detention. He made them, anyway.—United Press.

High Blood Pressure Kills Men & Women

Twice as many women as men suffer from high blood pressure, which is a serious disease that shortens the time of life and is the real cause of much heart trouble and later on of paralysis strokes. Common symptoms of high blood pressure are: heavy head, dizziness, loss of memory and energy, easily excited and angry, it may be in danger. If you suffer any of these symptoms, don't delay treatment a single day, because your life may be in danger. A new medical discovery, reduces high blood pressure with the first dose. It is a new medicine, called "Hypotensin," which makes you feel years younger in a few days. Get Hypotensin from your chemist today. It is guaranteed to make you feel fit and strong or money back.

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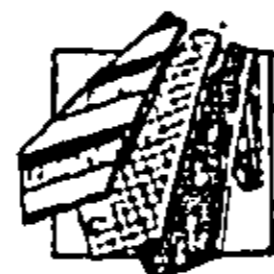
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AMBASSADRESS EXTRAORDINARY

A nice problem in diplomatic protocol has come up for solution. President Truman has appointed a married woman to be his Ambassador in Copenhagen. That isn't new, for America has had women diplomats of Ministerial rank before and has one now in Luxembourg. But this time the Ambassador takes along with her not only her children but her husband just as an Ambassador would take along his wife.

The State Department has decided that the husband, who is a farmer from Minnesota, is entitled and shall be given all the requisites that ordinarily would be given an Ambassador's wife.

Not So Amused

This is something new and amusing in the drive towards equality of the sexes, but those whose business it is to deal with protocol in diplomatic affairs are not so much amused by the situation as you or I may be. Normally an Ambassador would sit on the right-hand of the Queen at a royal dinner but, the ask themselves, can Mr. Anderson sit there? And where does Mr. Anderson sit? On the King's right? Well, hardly. The problem hasn't yet been worked out by the minutiae of protocol.

America just now gives the impression of being pretty full of "top brass" from Britain.

Vicount Montgomery and Sir William Slim have been visiting here. And two full Field-Marshal, when they are on duty, are enough to set America wondering what it is all about.

American diplomats are believed to be doing everything it knows to bring about better relations between France and Western Germany, and when that has been done, the Western democracies, sponsored by America, as a very marriageable debutante.

EAST MEETS WEST

By Frank Oliver

The East keeps meeting the West in America.

The latest Oriental to follow Nehru is the young man who carries the name Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi, in short, the Shah of Persia, who is here on what is officially described as a goodwill mission.

The newspapers are brushing aside the official description and blurtily stating that the Shah is here for "cold war" talks. That seems to be about the size of it. No pains are being spared to make the Shah feel welcome, and if he is on a goodwill mission he is being met with as much official goodwill from the American side.

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DOG DOPERS CLEAN UP THANKS TO THE "HAIRPIN"

By Supt. ROBERT FABIAN

Sometimes when I go into a famous West End hotel bar I am greeted by a well-dressed man in early middle-age, who waves a bland, manicured hand at me. "Hello, Johnny!" I say it accusingly. But he meets my eye, steady as a rock, and answers: "Hello, Mr. Fabian—have a drink?"

He is the coolest crook in London. He planned a successful greyhound swindle at London's White City track in 1945. They say it made about £100,000.

If it did, there is not much of the money left today. But Johnny never went to prison for the robbery. It was certainly the planned crime in London's recent underworld history.

At the White City, the Greyhound Racing Association has a squad of its own private police force.

More than 300 ex-Scotland Yard men belong to the GRA police including ex-Deputy Commander of the CID Percy Worth, ex-Chief Inspector White and nearly a score of former chief-inspectors and inspectors who know every crack in London, every dodge in the game.

For days before it raced every greyhound was under vigilant guard. Even its owner could not get near it. The dogs were kept in high-walled kennels. They were taken to the track in yellow vans built like Black Martins. Each dog was in a little steel-lined compartment that faced on to a central corridor, where two guards sat.

In the kennels, veterinary surgeons examined the dogs, took saliva samples. Food was analysed. Everybody who approached the dogs was scrutinised.

Bookmakers Were Anxious

By 1945 the Greyhound Racing Association seemed to be winning the battle against the dog dopers. Then came that night of December 8, 1945. It was the last race at White City. The bookies had enjoyed a pleasant evening. The runners were 1. Kilmaree, 2. Fly Bassie, 3. Victory Speech, 4. Bald Truth, 5. Jimmy Chicken. They showed every sign of good health and were placed into the starting-traps.

Then, even as the hare began to move, a wave of anxiety swept down the rows of bookmakers. A white dog called Bald Truth quoted at 8 to 1, had suddenly dropped in price to 5 to 1. Somebody was plunging big money on at the very last instant.

The traps slipped open. Four brown bodies streaked out, and one white muscular flash—Bald Truth. For a few seconds the dogs were bunched close, skidded the first bend... then the four brown bodies faltered. One stumbled. The remaining two brown contestants slowed to a bewildered, pathetic gallop.

But Bald Truth kept on, swept past the winning-post 15 lengths

ahead. Behind trailed four dejected, sodden-legged greyhounds, obviously doped.

Within seconds, hard-eyed, lumpy-shouldered men had pushed up against the bookmakers, and demanding payment. Most of the bookies were too stunned to do anything but pay... handfuls of rustling fivers. Men stood at the Tote windows with fistfuls of Bald Truth tickets totalling thousands of pounds.

Nation-Wide Floods Of Bets

Into Scotland Yard poured then a deluge of damning statistics from all parts of Britain.



FABIAN OF THE YARD

Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle—wherever dog-tracks had been busy that Saturday night, wherever bookmakers had taken bets on dogs, were the significant last-minute heavy money wagers on the unknown white dog, Bald Truth, at White City.

£100,000 was the estimate of the total swindled winnings. A tenth of a million—made in one night!

I was chief of the Flying Squad at the time. I was given charge of the case, hurried around to the White City where I saw chief vet. Mr. Bateman in his laboratory. He was carefully handling two tiny bits of smelly fish.

"Look, Bob," he said quietly. "Fish—soaked in chlorotone. I found these fragments in the kennels, where the dogs that raced with Bald Truth were kept."

I knew those kennels. They stood against a high, curved wall,

and were constantly patrolled. A watchman's hut was placed at one end of the row of kennels, and its windows overlooked them. The dogs arrived at the White City at exactly three o'clock. They were examined after being unloaded from the yellow burglar-proof van. Meanwhile the kennels were swept.

Then, at frequent intervals until the race-time, the dogs were checked by vets and officials as they waited in the locked, guarded kennels. It seemed beyond belief that anybody could have got to those dogs with poisoned fish.

"Any idea who did it?" I asked. "One of the staff?"

Mr. Bateman regarded me sternly under his grey eyebrows. His eyes are among the shrew-

"What about the ninth kennel?" I asked a kennel-guard. "Empty," I was told. "Nailed up. It's been used as a store-house for old timber, apparently."

"Who nailed it up?" Nobody knew. "Then let's un-nail it," I said, and grasped the wooden door of the ninth kennel, to see if I could tug it free. To my surprise, and everybody else's, it swung open easily.

"When was it last tried?" One of the kennel-guards answered. "On Saturday night, while we were looking for clues to the dog-doping. We tried the door then, and it was fastened. We could see the timber piled up inside."

I entered the kennel. It was obvious why the kennel-men had thought the door was nailed. Somebody had fitted metal bolts inside the door, and locked themselves in from the inside.

The same intruder had turned up the floorboards and piled these planks across the front of the kennel to make it seem stacked with timber.

It had been brilliantly planned. A man who knew about the empty kennel, and who also knew the exact time-table and routine of the White City, had climbed the high outside wall, probably about lunch-time, before the dogs arrived.

He sneaked into the empty kennel, fixed his bolts, secured the door, then built himself a concealing barricade by ripping up floorboards and part of the back wooden wall.

I explored further. Between the backs of the kennels and the outside wall itself was an eight-inch space.

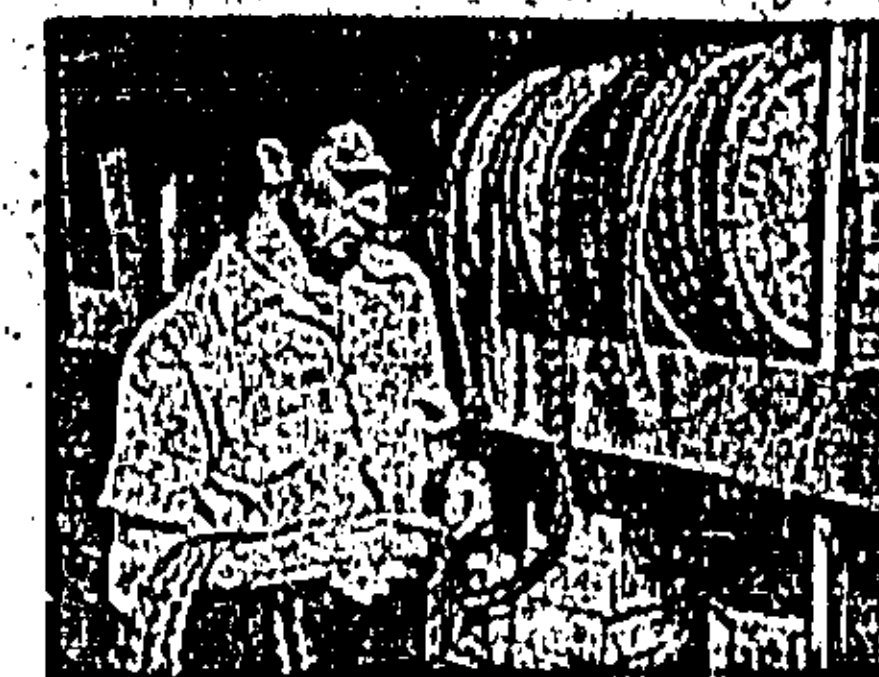
The intruder had hidden in that tiny aperture during the most dangerous times of patrol, between three o'clock, when the dogs arrived, and seven at night, when the races started.

I found signs of him, shreds of cloth rubbed off between wall and woodwork. Also scattered wrappers from matted milk tablets. Obviously he had not dared to smoke, and in an eight-inch space there was no room to eat sandwiches. (Continued On Page 19)

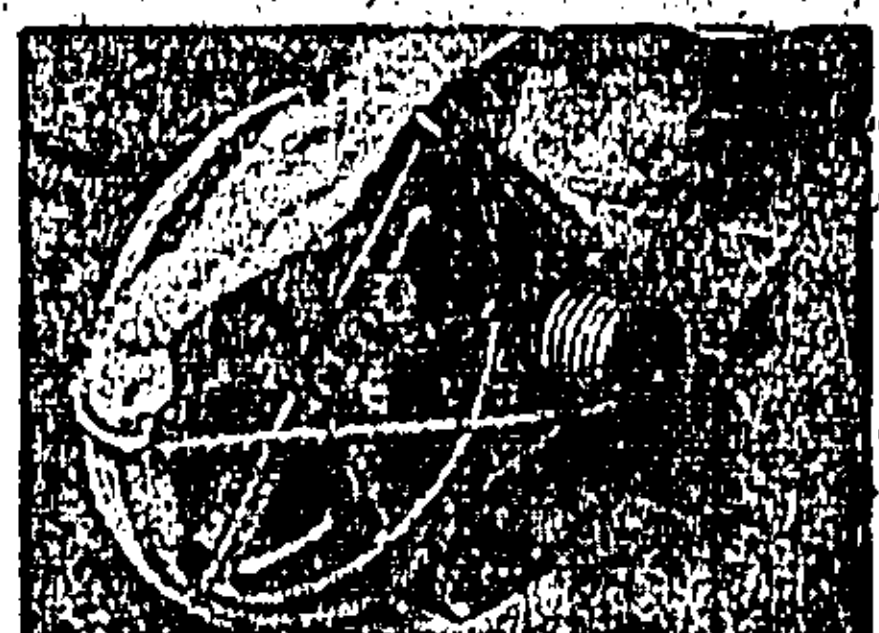
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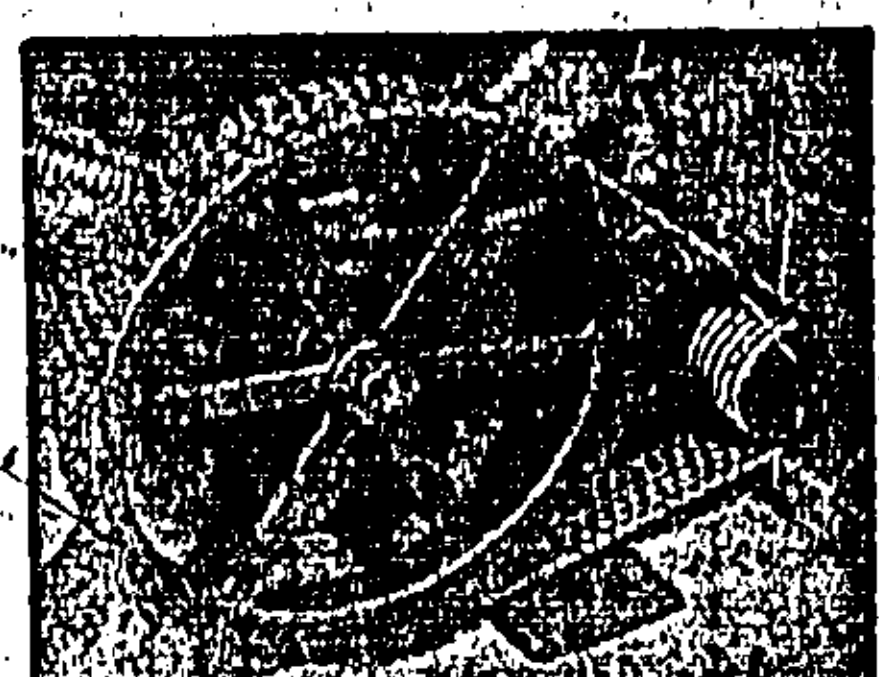
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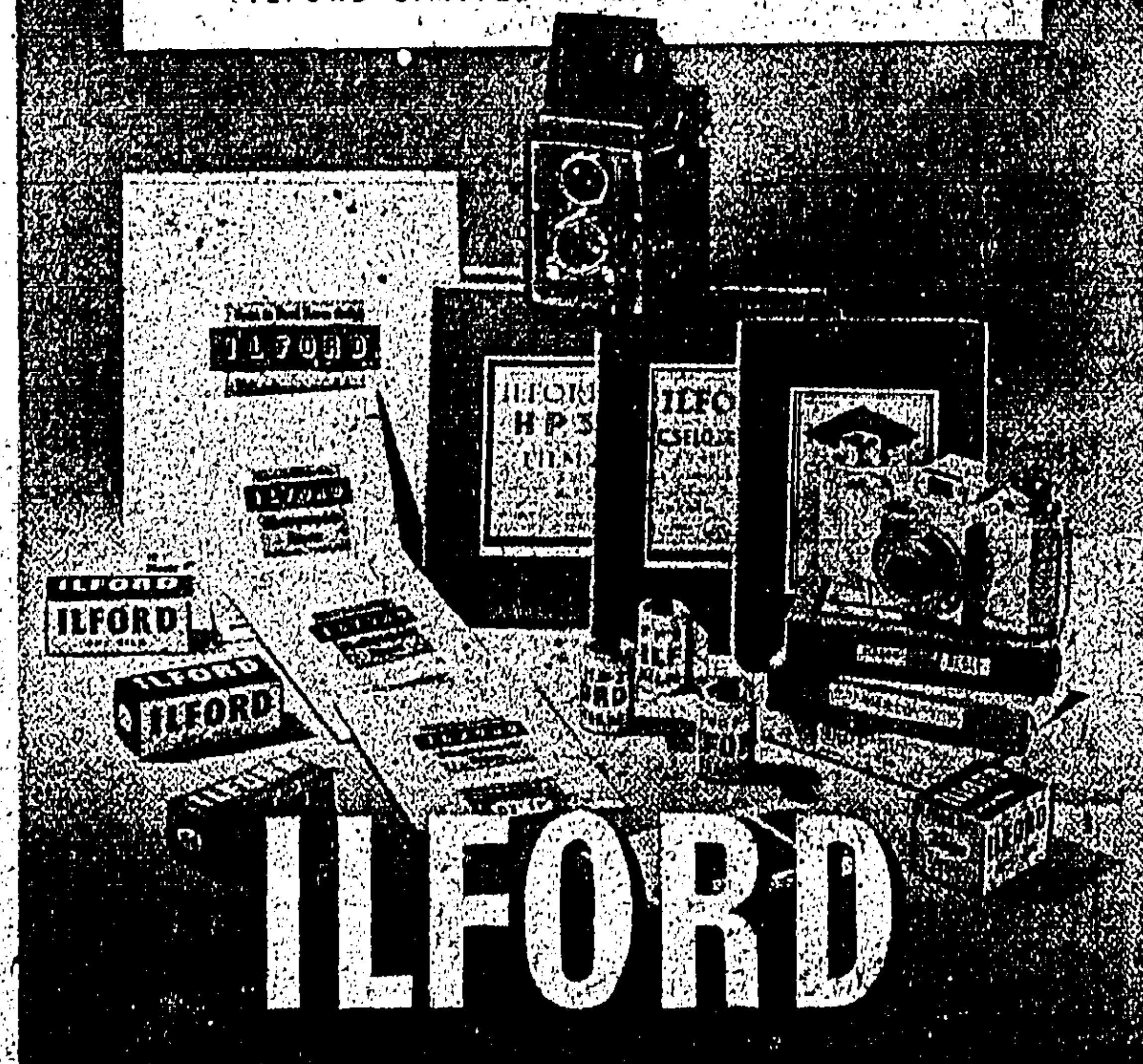
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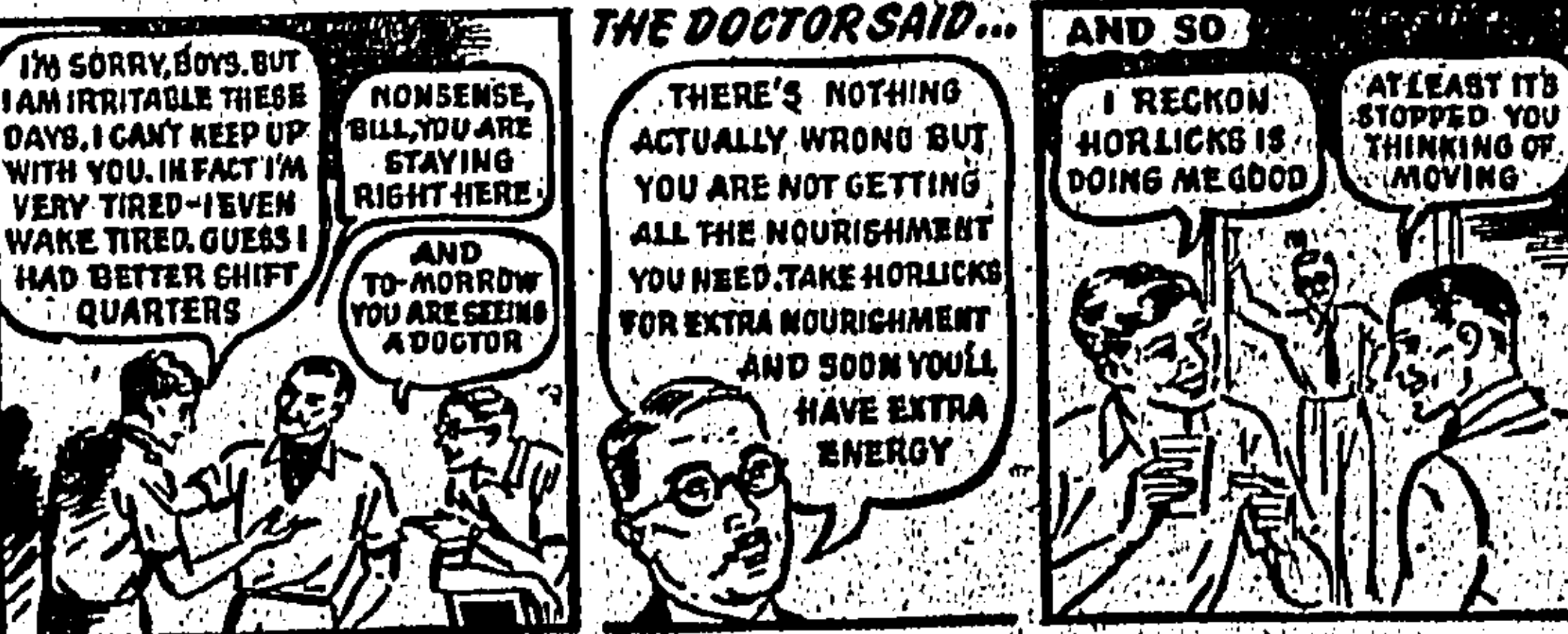


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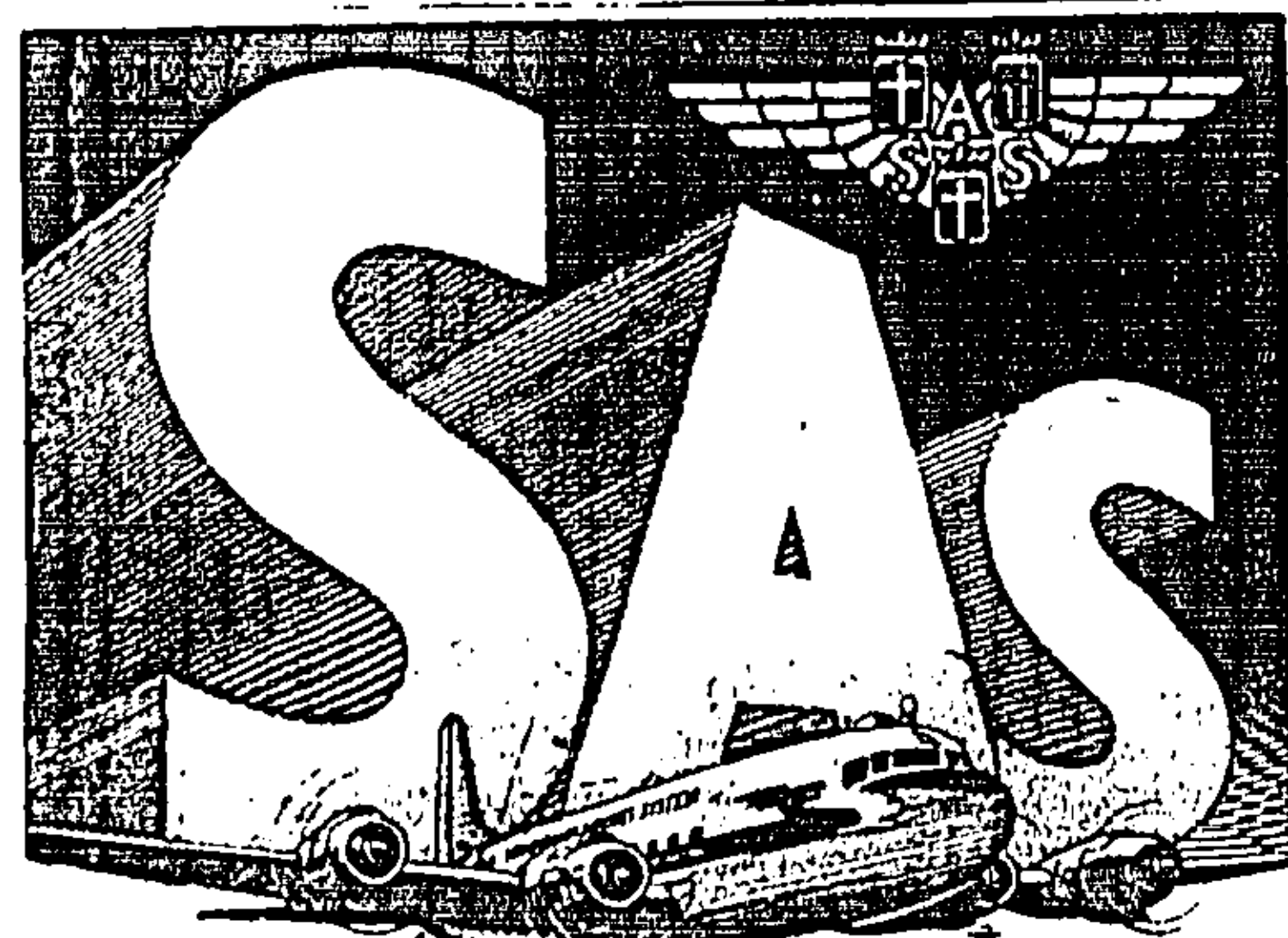
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ARMY ASKED TO WORK

One of the biggest issues between the civil and military power, since the Republic was proclaimed in China, has been reopened within a month of the formation of the new Government in Peking. It is hardly as yet a trial of strength, for strength lies on the side of the big battalions. But it is a test of the moral authority of the Government and of the Communist Party. Politicians may have held office, but every Government in China that had any power at all, since Yuan Shih-kai took over, has been run by a military force behind him. The men in the long gowns did most of the talking, but the men in the short jacket did all the action. They resolved the split personalities of the politicians. It is now to be seen whether anything has been changed in this very vital respect.

The civil Government has issued a challenge to the military. The Peking Finance Minister, Po Yi-po, admitted a few days ago that no fewer than nine million persons are on the Government pay-roll. That's a load of luxury even the United States could hardly afford to carry in peacetime, let alone poverty-stricken China. Military and administrative expenditure, said the Minister, absorbed 60 per cent of the paper Budget.

Estimates of the total number of officers and men in the Army vary between four and five million. Statistics were never a strong point with the Chinese, and possibly nobody does know exactly what the total is. There are apparently between three and four million civil functionaries, and an odd million or so State dependents not precisely defined.

Now Mao Tse-tung has summoned the so-called Liberation Army to turn to productive tasks. He says the war in China is practically over, and cites the Common Programme passed by the Political Consultative Conference in October. This declared that "the armed forces shall, during peacetime, systematically take part in agricultural and industrial production, and assist in national construction work." There was one reservation—military tasks must not be hindered.

The political commissar of the East China Army, Jao Sze-shih, has already lodged a demand for special consideration. He told the Government Council that East China, which includes Shanghai, may be unable to contribute its allotted share of 32 per cent of the estimated revenue to the Central Government. The region, he said, has to feed a Field Army of two millions, in addition to local troops, political workers, and "hundreds of thousands" of civil servants carried over from the former Government. The blockade, he complains, has brought foreign trade to a standstill, and the only way to end this is to continue the war and occupy Taiwan.

This question of getting the Army to work for its living is a lot more important than the future of Tibet and the granting of refugee to runaway officials and troops. It is indeed fundamental. Without the willing co-operation of the armed forces, the Com-

Portrait Of Vyshinsky

By JOHN LARRAINE

otion noted down as an unforgivable crime—he opposed Bolshevism.

He was born on February 10, 1883, in Odessa. His family then moved to Kiev, and thence to Baku, the oil centre, where his father became a prominent notary. Some say he was a millionaire. Vyshinsky's childhood was undoubtedly more comfortable than



MR. VYSHINSKY

that of Stalin or Molotov. He went to university, studied law, even opened a practice.

But when Stalin was already a well-known Bolshevik leader, Vyshinsky joined the Mensheviks, the milder revolutionaries who, under Kerensky, tried to change the face of Russia with as little upheaval as possible.

Of Vyshinsky's part in the 1917 revolution, Leon Trotsky once said: "He was on the other side of the barricades." An altogether dangerous position.

But Andrei Vyshinsky saw the red light in time. He left Moscow, joined the Red Army, and for all practical purposes, disappeared from the Russian scene for eight years.

By 1928, he emerged again as the author of weighty tomes on the new Soviet law and perhaps Russia's greatest expert on court procedure. It was to come in useful.

Moscow Trials

In 1938-37, Vyshinsky broke into the world headlines in a new capacity. He was the chief State prosecutor at the famous Moscow trials, the greatest purge Russia has even seen.

For long, harrowing months, he went through the long indictments against Kamenev, Zinoviev, Buk-

harin, Yagoda, and others. His loud invective, his pillory phrases rang around the world.

For him, the men who had fallen from grace were "a gang of bandits, robbers, forgers, spies, murderers, incendiaries." The confessions extracted from the accused created a "legal" precedent which is today being imitated in every satellite country.

This first impact of Andrei Vyshinsky upon the world had an unfortunate effect. People typed him as a sort of Red inquisitor, relentless, formidable, brutal. Some said that his brilliant speeches were an atonement for his own "sin" as a Menshevik. Years later, when he was reminded of this outside Russia, he replied cryptically that "he had saved the lives of more guilty men than he had sent to the gallows." Perhaps one day, the Kremlin will reveal its secrets. Until then, few can judge Vyshinsky on that count.

Helped Molotov

Vyshinsky never became a member of the all important Politbureau, and this is undoubtedly an indication of the comparatively small part he plays in the forging of Soviet policy.

During the war, he moved away from the legal side of Russia's Government to help Molotov in the field of foreign affairs. He travelled a great deal, in many cases actually carrying out the Kremlin's decisions in the field, so to speak.

For a long time he gave the West the impression of being a potential Maxim Litvinov, a reasonable Russian Communist—polished, urbane man ready to see the other's point of view.

Cold War

When, at New York, Paris, or London, Vyshinsky takes off his horn-rimmed spectacles, joins the tips of his fingers, and speaks, he is carrying out a policy which has been handed down from Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam.

It is a policy of non-co-operation, of obstruction, of cold war. It is calculated, planned in its merest detail, and to some extent, effective.

Today, this policy stands against the solid wall of Western determination. It may yet change, but for the time being, it keeps the world guessing.

When he disembarked in New York for the present UNO session, he was asked his opinion on the chances of agreement. He beamed and said: "I am an optimist by nature."

More recently, when asked to say whether he expected war in his lifetime, he said: "No," then he added, "But you must remember that I am 66 years old."

In these two answers lies the key.

THE PRIVILEGED FOREIGNERS

By SCRUTATOR

The Lord Chancellor encountered nothing but approval when he announced that the Government would appoint an inter-departmental committee to report on the state of the law under which Tass, the Soviet news agency in Britain, escapes civil liability for damages.

The announcement followed a detailed and cogent exposure by

Lord Vansittart of the legal quandary in which persons libelled by Tass at present find themselves.

"Diplomatic" immunity is a well-understood thing. So far as concerns civil actions, it goes back in Britain to a statute of 1708. Curiously enough, the case giving rise to it was also Russian.

Peter the Great's ambassador in London owed £50, and did not pay. In accordance with the law of those days he was arrested for debt. Peter was furious, and to placate him it was enacted that no ambassador nor "the domestic servant of such ambassador" should be liable to arrest, imprisonment or restraint in respect of a civil matter.

Immunity of ambassadors from our criminal jurisdiction was a separate question settled much earlier; and there the immunity extends more widely to all members of the ambassador's family living with him, and to his official and domestic suites. The remedy, if one of the immune persons commits a crime, is to hand him over to the authorities of his own country.

The Common Programme merely sets forth a series of admirable principles, but no detailed plan. That is to be left to the five military commands—satrapies—into which the country has been divided. The immediate target is the raising of the output of grain, raw materials, and export goods to the pre-war production level. Even that will require a lot of work, for the margin to be made up is large.

Can the huge armies be put to work? The response to the call will be watched with intense interest, for great things will depend upon it. It's a pity that the exhortation to the Army did not begin at rock bottom by stipulating, as the very first item, the principle that the entire army should grow its own food. That alone would be an immense relief to the farmer and State alike, and in our opinion it is a practical proposition.

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Brake On Army's Team Work

By JOHN D'ARCY DAWSON

The future of the British Army in relation to foreign commitments and the deployment of manpower is causing grave anxiety to Service chiefs responsible for maintaining a strong and adequate force for defence.

The problem divides itself naturally into three separate sections, each interdependent. The first is that dealing with the political aspect of the Army's future and concerns foreign policy, manpower and the export drive.

The failure of the Government to make firm decision on foreign commitments while insisting that the Army must be tailored to fit in with our economic problems and planned for diminishing numbers has left the Army in bewilderment as to what they must do with the finances and manpower allotted to them.

The Government plans on the assumption that our forces will be withdrawn from Greece, Trieste, Malaya and it is hoped from Germany and Hong Kong. The argument runs therefore, that the Army will need fewer men in the next few years.

The Army can, of course, so planned to deal with that situation, but in fact Hong Kong has meant the employment of more, not less manpower. Troops are still in Trieste and there are no signs that they are to be withdrawn in the immediate future.

Key To Military Efficiency

Our force in Germany must be maintained while Russia refuses to join with the Western Powers in creating a real peace throughout the world that would enable armed forces to be drastically reduced.

The Army considers that, only the maintenance of a strong, well-equipped and trained British Army stands between peace and war. Yet they are being asked to plan for reduced numbers when they are constantly being asked to provide reinforcements for overseas commitments.

The Government cannot have it both ways. If a realistic view is taken of international affairs, it is apparent that for the next five to 10 years our foreign commitments will remain, at the best, very high.

The Army estimate of the number of men required to maintain forces sufficient to deal with the Far East and an effective force in Germany should be accepted so that they can plan their long-term training and replacements policies.

The outgoings from the Regular Army under the three-year enlistment will be felt severely in the next few years. The drop in recruitment, combined with the numbers to be freed on completion of service, is constricting the Regular forces to a dangerous extent.

The Regular Army is still the key to military efficiency, and in addition to the necessity of maintaining a strong professional force, much of the potential strength of the existing force is taken up in training the National Service Army.

National Service A Big Strain

The Army are sensible that our economic necessities make the economical use of manpower essential, and they are ready to do all they can to meet the situation.

At the same time National Service of 18 months imposes a considerable strain on their resources. To take a practical example, No National

Servicemen can be sent to the Far East until he has completed 11 months' training.

At the end of that period it takes anything up to six weeks or five months to transport the replacements to Hong Kong. All that is left is a bare five to six months' service before they must be brought back.

Few will deny that the effectiveness of the British Army is contained in the close association of men working together, knowing each other and each efficient in his own department.

The team spirit in the British Army is just as essential as in a football team. I wonder where Sheffield United or Wednesday would be in the League tables if practically the whole carefully engineered cohesion of the teams was broken up every five or six months? What applies to them applies in a much more serious degree to the Army.

Voluntary Service No Solution

The strain on officers and NCO's of the Regular Army who work like demons to mould National Servicemen into an efficient force is very great, for, just as they have achieved the perfect co-operation the team is broken up and they start all over again.

The Regular Forces admit that the material they now get in National Servicemen is superior to anything they have had before, and the educational and intellectual standard is first-class. Nevertheless it is a hard task building up an Army on such a short service.

The answer is to have a smaller intake on a selective basis for a longer period. Admittedly this plan entails a number of difficult problems, but they are not insuperable and would help to solve this problem of national defence.

One point which must be remembered in dealing with National Service is that the ideal age for active service is between 20 and 25. After that period the individual efficiency becomes less so, in looking at the results of our present system, we must to a large extent rely on a maximum of five years' fighting efficiency.

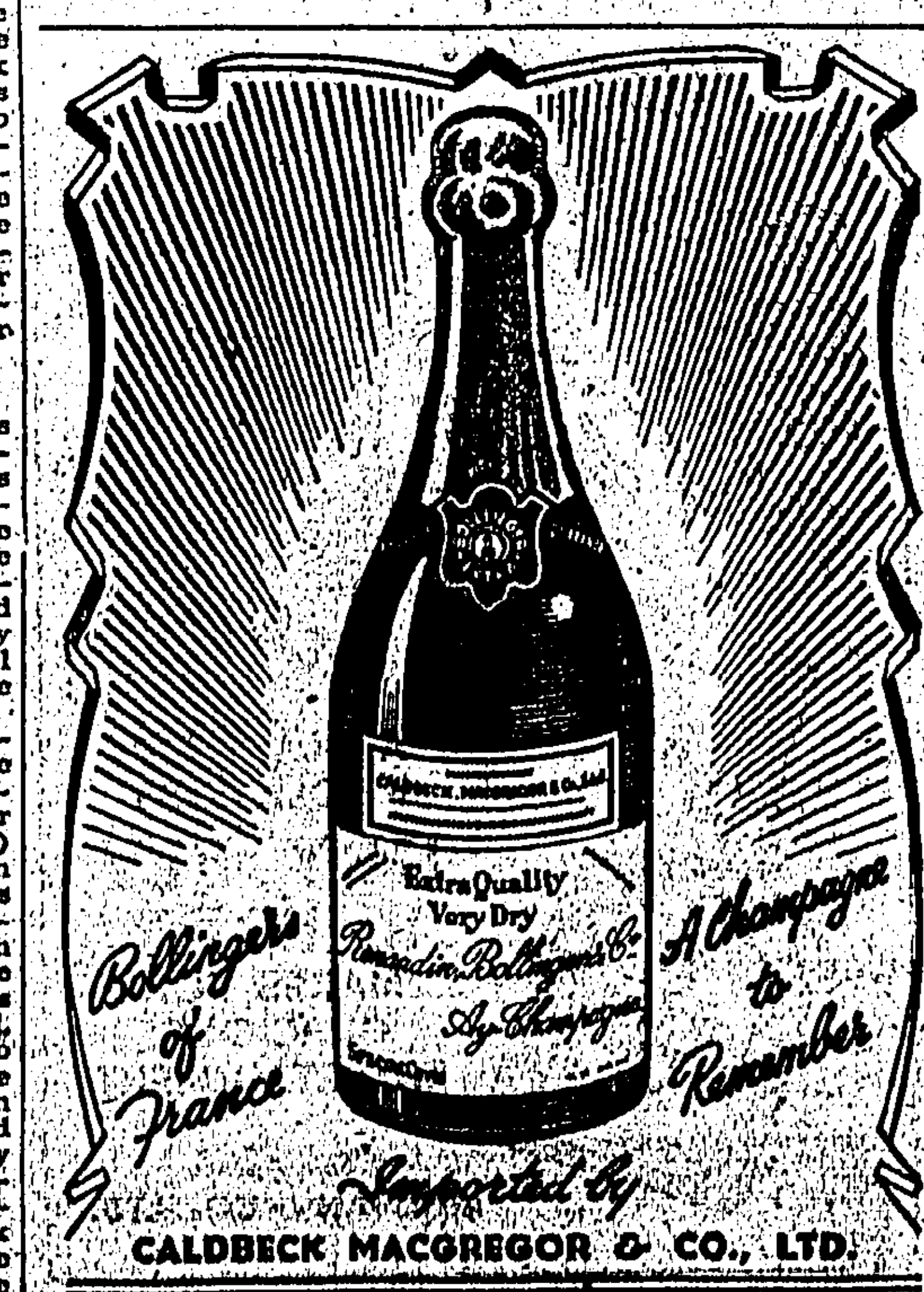
The Army fully recognises the great qualities of the Territorial Army and is most anxious to maintain those traditions, but it has a problem here which cannot be solved by voluntary service.

Young men who join county regiments, naturally wish to be in the fighting sections, and they are not interested in the tradesmen's classes. Unfortunately modern warfare with its high degree of mechanisation makes the need for skilled tradesmen a basic quality, and this problem alone is one of the most serious with which the Army chiefs must contend.

To train tradesman classes requires five years, and can only be done in the Regular Army. The advantages to the men themselves to join these classes is great, for they receive a magnificent training in many respects superior to that gained in civil life.

I have tried in a brief space to give an outline of Army difficulties, but I emphasise that without a competent and adequate Army we shall fall into the error of the period between the two great wars.

Firm action by the Government can reduce that danger to peace. At the moment Western defence is not running as smoothly as it might, largely because the Continental powers are uncertain as to our attitude in providing an Army which, in case of war, would be adequate for the occasion.



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JAPANESE APPEAL FOR AN EARLY PEACE SETTLEMENT

FRENCH TO DISARM CHINESE

Salon, December 9. The French High Commissioner for Indo-China issued very strict orders today, instructing French troops to disarm Nationalist Chinese forces fleeing across the border into Tonkin from the pursuit of victorious Chinese Communists.

Chinese Communist forces have been manoeuvring to cut off Chinese Nationalist forces, attempting to escape to Burma and Indochina and are reported to be sweeping toward the borders.

The Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon, said he has discussed the problem of recognition of the Communist Chinese government with Bao Dai, former Annam Emperor who now is Chief of State of the French-supported Vietnam Government of Indo-China. He said Bao Dai will take up the problem with the French Government in Paris this month. Bao Dai leaves for the French capital in two weeks.

Bao Dai also will discuss in Paris problems relating to the French-Viet Nam agreements, and M. Pignon expects the remaining questions will be settled.

Meanwhile, nearly 300 refugees, most of them Moslems, have arrived at the Indian-held frontier at Srinagar, from war-torn China after braving many hardships in the snow-clad mountain passes.

The refugees came from Chinese Turkistan, Sinkiang and other Central Asia areas. In all, some 800 refugees have reached India.

Nehru said, former Governor of Sinkiang province, is reported to have tried to escape but to have been captured by the advancing Communist armies in China. Three of his children, two sons and a daughter, already are here, on the way to Turkey.

—Associated Press.

Russian Attack On The Allies

Vienna, December 9. In today's meeting of the Allied Council, the Russian Deputy High Commissioner, General Sholtov, made a violent attack upon the policy of the Western Allies which was, he said, "spreading Nazi ideology and encouraging a revival of the Nazi system in Austria."

General Sholtov made a long statement in which he said that Nazi organisations were being revived in Austria under the protection of the League of Nations and the League of Nations.

He said that propaganda and subversive activities were being directed against Austrian democracy.

He added that key positions in the League of Nations were occupied by former Nazis and war criminals who were being led from the Western Zones of Germany.

—Reuter.

Washington, December 9.

President Shigeru Nambara of Tokyo University today appealed for an early peace treaty, declaring that "because we love our own Japan with all our heart we naturally have an irresistible desire for her independence as a nation."

At the same time Mr. Nambara said that if Soviet-American tension exploded into a third world war Japan must maintain an entirely neutral position.

He said, "In such an eventuality Japan's course of action is perfectly clear. She should maintain neutrality and participate in no war whatsoever."

Pointing out that Japan's new constitution denies her any defence forces, Mr. Nambara added, "Consequently we have good reason to desire that Japan be given adequate guarantee to her neutrality in any settlement."

He described the present meeting (the American Council on Education) as a "preliminary peace conference on education" and said he was "particularly appreciative of the complete freedom of speech accorded to Japanese like myself."

He paid tribute to General MacArthur for efforts to create in Japan a "new outlook upon life and the world."

"I am happy to say that important beginnings in this direction have already been made under the wide and enlightened guidance of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers."

Among these educational reforms, along with other epoch-making reforms in the constitution and political and economic systems of the country, bear glorious witness to the high statesmanship of General MacArthur, for whom I have hearty admiration not only as a great military leader but also as a rare personality."

Mr. Nambara said however, that the educational advances achieved under the Occupation would be like houses built on sand unless there is a revolution of spirit and humanity of the Japanese people.

Declaring that he wished to speak with complete candour, Mr. Nambara said that not only Japan but the entire world needs a "renaissance of spirit."

"The whole modern world with its nationalism and capitalism is making of man an instrument and machine depriving him of his personality."

—Associated Press.

Grew's Warning

Mr. Joseph Grew, former Ambassador to Tokyo, warned the Japanese against following the "deceitfully easy road to Communism and totalitarianism."

Mr. Grew said that Japan's chief hope lies in her youth and their decision whether to follow the democratic or totalitarian path.

He said, "Voluntary endeavours and co-operation of the American people rather than any pressure the Occupation might exert" will be the final factor in determining which way Japan goes.

Mr. Grew is known to oppose some precise occupation policies.

He said, "Today, Japan stands at the crossroads. On one hand there is the road that will lead to peace and democracy, a road that to some may appear steep and difficult for the Japanese themselves have made it so."

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U.S. Navy In Pacific To Be Increased

Washington, December 9. The U.S. Navy today announced plans to strengthen its Pacific forces, altering a three-year shift of power to the Atlantic.

Within the next few weeks, it plans to transfer the heavy cruiser Rochester and the anti-aircraft cruiser Junaau from the Atlantic to the Pacific Fleet.

The announcement called for the transfer of a necessary adjustment between the fleets due to laying up of other cruisers recently, and a move to equalize cruiser division strength.

The transfer was announced only two days after Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, had expressed concern over weakening of the Pacific Fleet. —Associated Press.

Iranian Message To Mao

San Francisco, December 9. That a "feudal merchant bloc" is placing Iran "under the exploitation of foreign trusts" is the allegation contained in a message of greetings which the Central Committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party has sent to Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Government.

According to a Chinese Communist broadcast tonight, the Iranian message said that this bloc, contrary to the will of the people, "is turning our motherland into a base of British and American aggressors against the true friend of Iran—the great Socialist country, Soviet Union."

The message described Chinese Communist civil war successes as a "victory of great historic significance, especially to the oppressed peoples of Asia."

Moreover, the Iranian people saw in this victory a prelude to their liberation from the yoke of age-old foreign imperialism and the exploitation of the feudal merchant bloc.

It is alleged that this bloc, to protect their privileges and to effectively oppress workers and peasants, "is placing Iran under the exploitation of foreign trusts."

—Reuter.

PEKING EXHIBIT

San Francisco, December 9. The "life and struggle of workers and women in Asia" is being highlighted by a big pictorial exhibition in Peking, the Chinese Communist capital, a Communist broadcast reported tonight.

The exhibits present "a kaleidoscope picture of the life and struggle of the workers and women in Asia and the sweeping changes that are now taking place in the Soviet Central Asian Republics, China, Mongolia, Korea, Vietnam, Iran, Indonesia and other countries in Asia," the broadcast said. —Reuter.

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BRITAIN REITERATES STAND ON JERUSALEM

DEBATE ON HAGUE TREATY

The Hague, December 9.
The Bill for the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia, passed by the Dutch Second Chamber early this morning by 71 votes to 29, is expected to come before the Committee of the First Chamber for study next Tuesday.

The public debate will be the following week.

As so much time was spent in discussing the Bill in the Second Chamber, it is considered unlikely that the First Chamber, which has almost the same political composition as the other House, will hold very extensive deliberations.

At least two thirds of its 50 Members must accept the Bill if it is to become law. It has to be passed by December 22, to give time for it to be sanctioned by Queen Juliana and officially promulgated before the transfer ceremony on December 27.

The independent newspaper, "De Telegraaf," said today that the result of the Second Chamber voting on the Indonesia Bill "was too much like the registration of something that had already taken place than the choice of free men elected by a free people."

The paper went on to say that Holland must bow to that decision.

The Calvinist daily, "Trouw," warned the country that "it would be better to postpone judgment until the First Chamber has debated the Bill, as the situation of the Government in that House is less favourable than in the Second Chamber."

Under the headings "Surrender," the Christian National "Nieuwe Haagse Courant" regretted that most of the supporters of the Bill "took their decision without much conviction."—Reuter.

Flushing Meadow, December 9.
Britain today told the United Nations categorically that it would take no part in implementing any measures for Jerusalem which were not acceptable by both Arabs and Jews.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) declared before the General Assembly that his Government maintained the attitude which it had constantly held since 1947.

"We must exert every effort to bring about an agreed settlement," Sir Alexander declared that he was not sure whether the General Assembly would decide to abandon the road and take another and he appealed to all those who had not yet taken a definite position to consider what was at stake.

"We must do all we can to uphold the authority and prestige of the United Nations and must spare no effort to bring about a settlement of the dispute and peace to the Holy Land," he said.

"I have grave doubts that the course suggested would serve either of these ends. I wonder if even now it is not too late. I am not against compromise."

Last-Minute Effort
Uruguay and Denmark formally proposed that the General Assembly adjourn without action on Jerusalem and re-examine the delicate problem at the special Assembly early next year.

The proposal was made at the last minute, in an attempt to stave off a vote on the plan for strict international rule of Jerusalem which was approved in committee and apparently headed for final Assembly approval.

The proposal for a special session came only a few moments after the Israel Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, has made an impassioned appeal for defeat of the plan for permanent international rule of Jerusalem.

Dr. Sharett said it would be "impossible" to impose United Nations rule on an "angry population" and any attempt to do so would plunge the city into "chaos."—Reuter and United Press.

Decisive Vote
New York, December 8.
The U.N. Assembly voted decisively today to put Jerusalem under supreme international rule of the United Nations.

Israel and Hashemite Jordan, with armed forces in possession of the city in separate sectors, opposed the plan and said they would fight against it.—Associated Press.

French Ban On Strategic Materials

Paris, December 9.
France has banned the export of strategic materials and specifically aviation supplies to countries behind the Iron Curtain, it was learned today from a reliable private trade source.

Export licences are no longer being granted for these goods except in some cases for Yugoslavia and Finland, it was stated.

The list of banned exports, which is being kept secret by foreign trade officials, is reported to include aviation petrol of 85 octanes and more, lubricating oils for aviation with high and medium viscosity and all lubricants.—Reuter.

DUTCH EVACUATE ISLAND

Batavia, December 9.
Dutch forces have evacuated Bukkit Tinggi on the island of Sumatra and have handed over the civil administration to the Indonesian Republican Army.

Bukkit Tinggi was the Republican capital of Sumatra before it fell in the Dutch "police action" a year ago. The transfer of authority was agreed on at the recent Dutch-Indonesian conference at the Hague. It is a stepping stone to the creation of the United States of Indonesia before the end of the year.

The Sultan of Jogjakarta, Hamengkubuwono, who is Security Co-ordinator under a decision of the National Preparatory Committee, appointed three Indonesian Republican Army commanders as military Governors in Western, Central and Eastern Java.

They are: Colonel Sadikin, Western Java, Colonel Gatot Subroto, Central Java, Colonel Soemgkono, Eastern Java.

With the Sultan of Jogjakarta, these commanders will hold supreme power until the new regime is established.—Associated Press.

Cripps' Finance Policy Attacked

London, December 9.
Mr. Paul Einzig, a well-known writer on economics, in a special article in the "Financial Times" today, criticised the British Government's financial policy.

He referred to the releasing of Sterling balances on a generous scale on the one hand and the calling on British firms not to fill their order books with orders from soft currency countries but to give absolute priority to orders from the dollar area.

"If these exhortations (to British firms) were to be followed, to any considerable extent," wrote Mr. Einzig, "it would mean that holders of released Sterling would be unable to buy the British goods they want."

Mr. Einzig asked, "Would it not have been better if instead of expecting business firms to refuse orders from holders of Sterling balances, the Government had the courage and honesty to tell these creditors that for the present this country is not in a position to repay any external debts?"

Mr. Einzig said that if all firms in Britain producing goods which can be sold in American and Canadian markets followed Government exhortations, even to the extent of backing out of existing commitments to soft currency countries, countries like India, Pakistan, Egypt and the rest could only spend much of their released Sterling on less essential goods of the kind not wanted in America.

"This has already been done to such an extent that the Government of India has been subject to much criticism at home for frittering away the Sterling balances. Indeed, one of the reasons why Sterling balances have been released so magnanimously is precisely in order to maintain artificially full employment in industries producing such secondary goods. But this only means that the shortage of labour in industries producing capital equipment and other goods in strong demand cannot be relieved."

Another Evil
Mr. Einzig pointed out that another evil likely to arise out of the generous Sterling releases was that the whole amount of the released Sterling balances which could not be spent on essential goods are not likely to be spent on secondary goods. Much of it

would be sold at a discount in order to secure the means for buying essential goods elsewhere.

"Indian Sterling will be bought at a discount at Bangkok and Malayan rubber will find its way to the United States via Giam. The dollar proceeds of such exports will be lost for this country."

Mr. Einzig argued that in order to ensure the success of the dollar drive the Government has to check the flood of released Sterling balances, and consolidate Britain's international position.

Long View

He said that discussions, are pursued in Washington for the possibility of a triangular arrangement with the United States under which the latter would assume responsibility for part of the Sterling balances in return for which the remainder would be sealed down or consolidated.

Such an arrangement, however, Mr. Einzig said, would open the floodgates to American exports to India and the other countries and would go a very long way towards perpetuating the abnormal American export surplus.

"Taking a long view," he concluded, "immediate relief would be bought at the cost of increasing the difficulties of finding a permanent solution."—Reuter.

JEWS TO LOSE MUSEUM

Prague, December 9.
The official Czech news agency announced that the Jewish museum in Prague will be taken away from the Jewish administration and become State property. The museum—the only institution of this kind in the world—was run by the Jewish religious community which has no funds to keep the museum further in good state, the agency said.—United Press.



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Social Demands By Free Unions

London, December 9.
The International Federation of Free Trade Unions was today presented with a manifesto and a declaration of economic and social demands. The manifesto and declaration were presented for approval to the Federation by its special committee.

The manifesto made a three-point appeal for:

- (1) "Economic security and social justice for all."
- (2) "Freedom through economic and political democracy."
- (3) "Peace with liberty, justice and dignity for all."

It called upon workers of all countries, races and creeds to be united in the new confederation.

A 30-point declaration on economic and social demands proposed full support for the European Recovery Programme and similar measures elsewhere.

"Our aim is an economy of full employment, full production and full distribution," it stated.

Basic industries, especially

those vital to the successful functioning of the whole economy, must be subject to such democratic control as will make them responsible to national necessities.

The declaration rejected high tariff walls, and other trade restrictions, and called for expanded international economic co-operation.

"We recognize as the most urgent initial action the unification of Western Europe, including the incorporation of Germany in the European community."

"We believe that Austria, Germany and Japan should, through State or private initiative, be brought fully into the family of free nations as soon as possible."

Rebel Task

Mr. Walter Reuther, leader of the American CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations) delegation, who was Chairman of the Committee drafting the manifesto, did not believe that the manifesto would be subject to such democratic control as will make them responsible to national necessities.

"The task ahead will not be achieved by pious and pretty words. The real task is to translate these noble phrases into positive initiatives of action in the struggle that lies ahead."

"In the struggle against Communism and the growing reaction of the right, the democratic force will not win by abrogating but by action."

If this Congress became only a "mutual admiration society" it would "fall in its noble mission," Mr. Reuther said.

"We have got to demonstrate leadership. Labour is the vanguard of democratic forces fighting to find the solution to basic and economic problems facing everybody in the world," he added.

Britain Can Now Make Atomic Bombs

Washington, December 9.
Britain now has the technical and scientific knowledge necessary to produce atomic bombs in Britain, participants in the "Secret Atomic Club," privy to the British atomic programme, told Reuters today.

They added, however, that the American representatives to the talks had suggested that Britain should not invest itself in the great expense of building the plant and machinery to produce bombs but should, instead, rely on being able to use United States atomic bombs facilities.

These officials emphasized that no agreement had been reached on this subject during the talks.

Reuter.

ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACE

Washington, December 9.
Canada today made available to the scientists of the world radioactive research materials produced in the world's most advanced atomic furnaces.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced that Canada had joined the United States and Britain in what is called "by far the most important peacetime application of atomic energy."

Radioactive materials produced for export by atomic bombardment in U.S. and British reactors are at present being used in scientific research in more than 20 nations.

Because these materials may be followed by radiation, countries as they move through living tissue or industrial machinery, they constitute an important research tool.

Dr. Kenneth Fitzer, director of the A.E.C. Research Division, said that Canada's atomic pile at Chalk River in Ontario province, produces some radioactive materials in higher concentrations than are available under the U.S. distribution programme.

"They will be of very great value in certain types of research which are either impossible or very difficult when attempted with lower activity material," he said.

Lawrence Hafstad, A.E.C. director of reactor development, has called the Chalk River furnace the world's best. He said: "No really new, greatly improved versions of reactors have been built in this country since the war."

He added: "The reactor of most advanced design and performance is in Canada."

United Press.

ISRAEL POLICE CHIEF IN UK

London, December 9.
Yehoshua Eshari, Inspector-General of the Israel Police, arrived in London today from the United States.

Mr. Eshari, who served with the Eighth Army during the war, is here to learn something of the organization and methods of the British police system and to meet some of his opposite numbers in this country.



AFRICAN SACRIFICE

U.S. SENATOR SAYS:

BRITAIN THE KEY NATION IN EUROPE

Washington, December 10.

Britain is an enigma but is the key nation in Western Europe, according to Senator Pat McCarran, member of the Appropriations Committee, who has just returned from Europe.

"No other country is her equal in moral authority or organizing capacity," Senator McCarran said, "and her power and influence are still enormous and far-reaching."

"Politically, she still is a leading and stabilizing force. Militarily it would be unthinkable for her to act except as our ally."

"Success of our vast foreign assistance programme will depend on many things but most of all on what the United Kingdom decides on and how it decides to overcome its present inability to feed its people and supply them with the raw materials with which to work."

Mr. McCarran said: "The monopolistic position she developed many years ago created in Britain an air of complacency and led to restrictive practices which smothered free enterprise."

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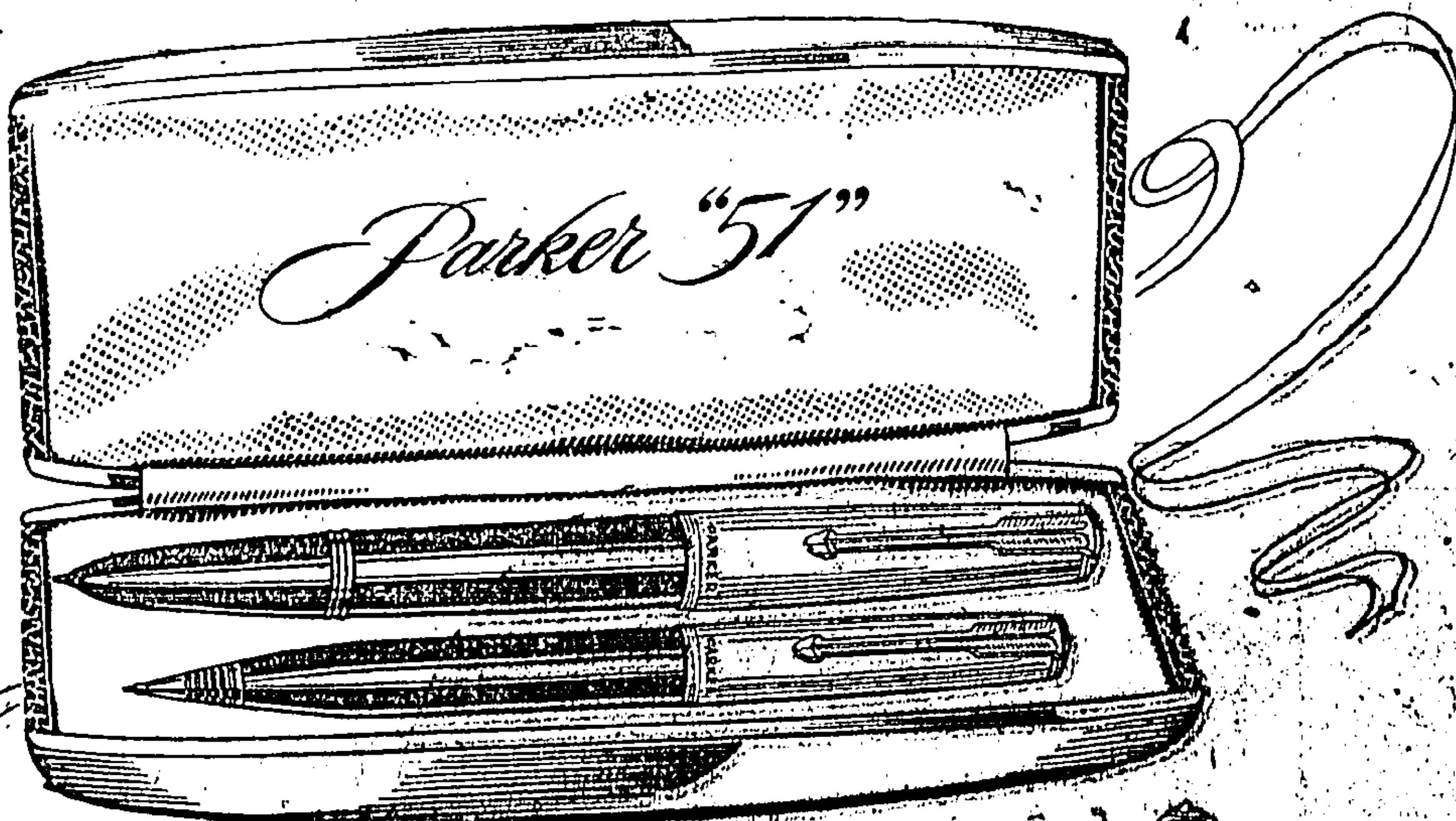
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Inside Information

By MERCURY

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The U.S. six-engine B36, atom bomb carrier, has special springing in its undercarriage made by a British firm.

The Soviet Foreign Office has changed its code books, because Yugoslavians had "cracked" ciphers.

Vysinsky and British Minister of State Hector McNeill have been holding private discussions in New York, allegedly on cultural subjects.

Merger of two British shipping companies—one Scottish and the other English—involving several million pounds, will be announced soon.

A common civil defence system for West European countries is to be worked out with standardised equipment.

The Allied High Commission has told the West German Government that it can abolish food rationing, but that it must ensure fair distribution and reasonable prices.

The official inquiry into Government information services will be published as a White Paper.

Socialist back-benchers expect Mr. Bevan to make a bid for command of the party immediately after the General Election.

Government legal experts are discussing claims for compensation arising out of the shelling of HMS Amethyst.

U.S. officials now in London, working out clauses governing military aid, will propose that British arms exports should be (Continued On Page 20).

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The astronomers who use it—like genial, tweed-jacketed Dr. Ira S. Bowen, who showed me the huge mechanism of the telescope, and Dr. Edwin Hubble, who has taken the first star-picture through it, are the only men on earth in visual touch with eternity.

The 200in. mirror that makes this possible is not used for direct observation but as a camera-lens of unique sensitivity, which records on a photographic plate 5in. by 7in. the light of stars whose existence was till now unknown.

The section of the heavens within the field of the telescope is not large—only about half the diameter of the moon. To photograph the whole sky through it would take 5,000 years. Its function is that of a pin-pointing instrument of maximum penetration. Light-gathering power rather than magnification constitutes its special utility.

"I can best explain what this telescope can do," said Dr. Ira S. Bowen, the director of the observatory, "if I recall the results achieved by the 100in. telescope installed in 1918 at our associated observatory on Mount Wilson, near Pasadena, California. That made it possible to investigate for the first time the extragalactic nebulae."

"What are they?"

"Great groups of stars outside the star-system to which the earth belongs."

Our world, he explained, is located in a disc-shaped arrangement of millions of stars known as the Milky Way.

"Until we got the 100in. telescope," said Dr. Bowen, "we thought that this constituted the whole universe. It is true that Herschel had detected spiral nebulae outside the Milky Way, but no one knew what they were."

The 100in. telescope revealed that these hazy glooms of light consisted of masses of stars of varying brightness, which enabled us to calculate their distance.

"Thus the nebula of Andromeda was found to be three-quarters of a million light-years away from the earth, and proved to be another Milky Way—a whole new system of stars."

"Further off, more and more stellar systems were discovered, some of them receding at high velocity into space away from our own universe."

"Now this new 200in. telescope will enable us to see twice as far into the heavens and cover eight times as much space."

Practical Use

"Is there any practical use in these researches," I asked, "or do they just gratify the curiosity of astronomers?"

"Largely that, but they do reveal more about the structure and dimensions of the universe, and the distribution of matter in it."

From Winter Gloom To Sunshine In 10 Minutes

Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of BOAC, recently made a flight in the de Havilland Comet airliner, the world's first passenger aircraft specifically designed for jet engines.

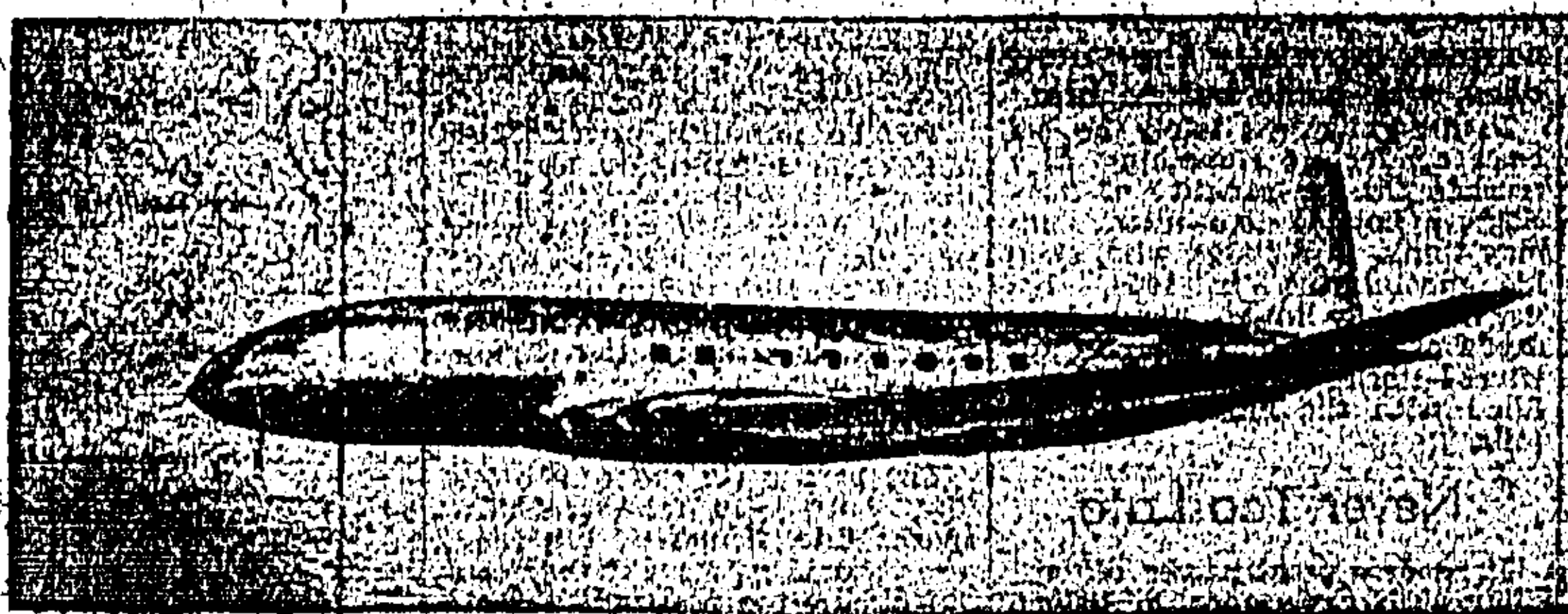
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"We had taken off in drab winter gloom. The engine-starting procedure is simple. One by one the four jet engines light up as the starter motors spin them round at 1,500 r.p.m. Whining eagerly, their recorders indicate '9,000 r.p.m.' at the start of the runway. There is no protracted warm-up period. As the wheel brakes are released, the craft rapidly gathers speed. In 28 seconds, the chair-

with jets turning at 9,750 r.p.m. The hot sun was burning our knees as we looked down on the solid strata of clouds we have pierced.

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Dog Dopers Clean Up Thanks To The "Hairpin"

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After he had heard the dogs being placed in the kennels and the withdrawal of the kennelmen and guard, he had quickly unbolted the kennel in which he was hiding and had crept along to the kennel housing the dogs for the last race. He had pushed a small piece of doped fish behind each shutter except that of Bald Truth. Then, knocking back, to his hiding place, he had by means of a crack in the wall which he had enlarged with a nail, signalled O.K. to a confederate in the street outside.

He must have lurked in the empty kennel after the races were over and the GRA security men had finished searching the kennels to find the two bits of uncut fish. Then, about midnight, it would be safe for him to climb back over the wall, and away.

Probably 12 hours of nerve-racked waiting, much of the time squeezed in an eight-inch gap!

My men of the Flying Squad checked up on all the well-known London dog-dopers: Little Sammy, Lewy, Dug, Morrie, Solly—a dozen others. It did not take long to discover that one slenderly-built, athletic fellow called Leiford Johnson had suddenly acquired plenty of money, and was busy "knocking it out" as they say. Twenty pounds one night, 50 the next.

I tried every way I knew to get answers to "quest" Nothing doing. My men trailed London Johnny for days, got tired of waiting for him to come out of the city's costliest bars.

Finally, I tried bluff. I went up to London Johnny as he appeared in an hotel bar, holding a large whisky in his lordly little hand.

"Hard luck, Johnny," I said. "We know all about it." He blinked quickly. "Yes, it's a dead-fumble, that 'White City job,' I added, and waited for him to stare himself away.

But a smile slowly spread across his face. "Have a drink, Mr. Fabian," he said. "And forget it! You know you've got nothing on me!"

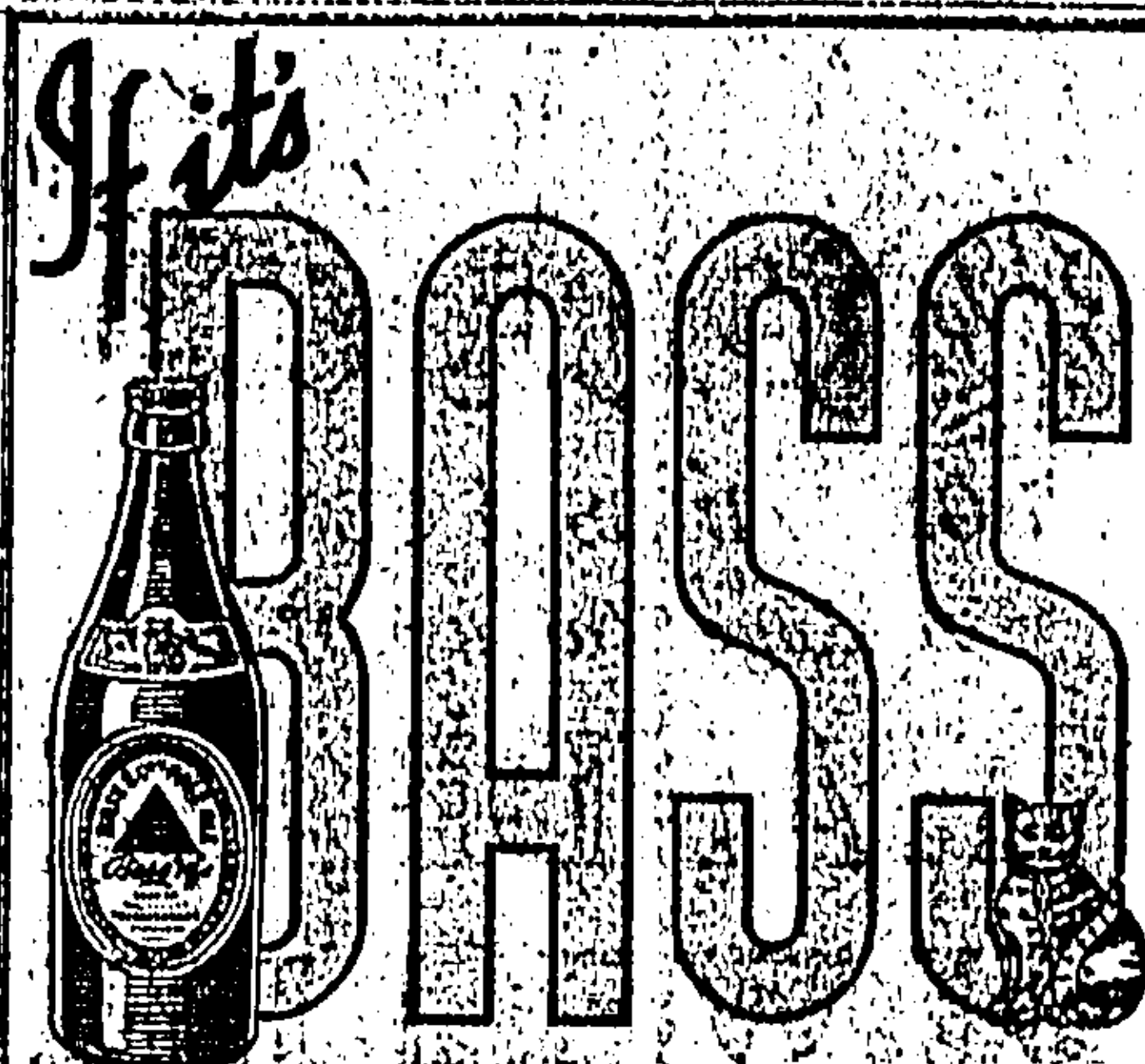
He was right, of course. I hadn't. Still, we made it impossible for anybody to do the same trick again. The kennels were re-built into a straight line so they could be better supervised. The dogs were jumbled about in the kennels, nobody but a couple of officials knew which dog was in what race.

'It Wasn't Worth While'

Electric alarm devices—even microphones—were installed in most kennels at the big tracks. And to-day it would need a smarter man than London Johnny to dope a dog at any of London's top-grade tracks.

Johnny still drinks in London's costliest bars. But he is not so free with his money these days. And I think, were you to ask him: "Was it worth while?" he would reply, cool and unboasted as ever: "For the thrill, yes. Gladly. But for the money, certainly not!"

NEXT WEEK: Fabian begins the inside story, told for the first time, of the killing of Alcega Antiqua, which led to the clean-up of London's gun gangs.



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DIVORCE COURT CRUSADER

By MONTAGUE SMITH

There would be far fewer broken marriages if people took the advice of Sir Hubert Wallington, and far less work for the Divorce Court in which he presides with fatherly wisdom for the couples, especially the young ones, who come before him.

In his judgments lately he has been conducting something of a crusade for the sanctity of marriage, a notable demerit, one may think, in a judge who, since his appointment in 1944, has listened daily to so many hundreds of stories of husbands and wives—stories many of which are filled with the most sordid details.

Never Too Late

It needs a great power of faith after such experience to believe that many early romances could still be saved.

One reason why Mr. Justice Wallington has that power, perhaps, is that he is the only Roman Catholic judge dealing with divorce cases. That faith proclaims the indissolubility of marriage.

On his appointment a Papal ruling decreed that a judge might decree divorce according to the law of the land, but their effect was secular only.

On the bench this judge no doubt still has in mind the creed that proclaims that two people, once joined together in holy matrimony, can never be put asunder.

Reconciliation is his pet theme. He preaches frequent homilies to young couples especially. It is never too late, he says for the parties to be sensible and compose their matrimonial differences. Sometimes, but not often enough to please him, they take his advice at the 11th hour.

Copious Notes

His abomination is interfering "in-laws," especially those who countenance illicit association under their roofs. These, he believes, are the root cause of many divorce pleas that otherwise would never be brought.

There is no more "thorough" judge on the bench. There is a copious note-taking of evidence and counsel's submissions. In red or black pencils witnesses' "material" answers are written down slowly, and repeated word for word.

His judgment is invariably lengthened by his practice of reading from his notebook verbatim passages of evidence. He recently set up a record for a judgment which took 6hr. 40min. for delivery.

He was once criticised in the Appeal Court for asking no fewer than 2,900 questions from the bench. Angry counsel said that no fewer than 1,100 of them had interrupted his own cross-examination of witnesses.

Mr. Justice Wallington is not perturbed by any such criticism. His determination is, by all means, to get at the truth.

His belief in the value of mutually honoured marriages is fortified by happy experience. He has been twice wed, first in 1904. That union lasted until death broke it early in 1943. In August of the same year, when 60, he was married again—to a lady he had known for 40 years.

Here are extracts from some of his recent judgments: To be unselfish, overlooking faults, endeavouring to ascertain the very best in each other, and not be prepared to put the worst construction upon acts and words, and to be able to run in double harness, married people must be prepared to exhibit that fundamental, vital, and absolutely indispensable quality of love.

The parties (in one case before him) have been fanning trifling sparks into flames of bitterness. They should now see if they cannot discuss the past with the object of forgetting it and the future with the object of making themselves happy again.

I hope (in another case) that these two people will remember what they owe to each other, and to God and to their child, put these petty matters aside, and act like grown-up people, not stupid children, determined to have their own way, whatever the consequences.

What I mean by love is self-sacrificing love for someone for whom you would lay down your life, someone for whom you would do things that you did not want to do, something spiritual. That is love.

Of parties to a divorce suit "ready to admit anything." Many of these people are so degraded and also so little educated that they do not regard such an admission as a lie. Such conscience as they have is therefore salvaged.

From Winter Gloom To Sunshine In 10 Minutes

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Jets' Pleasant Drone

"The Comet, in her element now, six miles above the earth, was running cleanly at 525 miles an hour true air speed. There is a queer, unobtainable quality in her rock steadiness and the absence of ordinary indications of speed. To look through the window of the warm, draughtless cabin makes one think that the lovely panorama of cloud masses below, topped by the beautiful deep purple backcloth, is moving across the screen.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN IS STILL TOP MAN

Besides playing poker and the piano, President Truman can play the patient tortoise that beats the hare. As a result, a year after his stunning election miracle, he has emerged from the smoke and dust of his first Congress with more than one big victory to his credit.

The most recent was in New York where in the Congress election his candidate beat Dewey's man and a Truman candidate also swept the mayoral election.

In the opening rounds, the Democratic 81st Congress looked like a copy of the Republican 80th, which Truman had lambasted as "the second worst in history."

It just kicked around almost everything he wanted. Badly heated by a series of snubs and setbacks, Truman threatened to hop a train and take his case once again to the people at the whistle stops.

Jibing Republicans panned that this was the "Eighty Worst Congress."

Then came a new technique. Truman stopped trying to ram down the lawmakers' throats a programme that read like a mallard catalogue.

He switched instead to plugging a selected measures of top importance, backed by the warning, "You stay" in session till you're through," whenever that might be. It worked.

Record Of Achievement

Congress has now gone home till January, after a 10 months' record achievement that Truman has pronounced "rather remarkable."

As it was his own Congress, he was almost bound to say something nice about it, but his bouquet is genuinely deserved.

In the field of foreign affairs Congress met its obligations with responsibility and statesmanship. The score was near perfect.

The North Atlantic Pact was ratified and funds voted to arm its European members. Marshall Aid was continued and powers restored to the President

to cut tariffs by up to 50 per cent. Greece and Turkey were given further aid, and the International Wheat Pact was ratified. On the home front, too, there were substantial achievements though some think hardly enough to justify Truman's drastic shift from mud to roses.

However, he can point to enactment of slum clearance and low-rental housing programmes, raising of the statutory minimum

By CLIFFORD HULME

wage and extension of social security benefits to eleven million more people.

Nor is it all loss that Congress jibbed at reducing one of Truman's major election pledges, repeal of the union-busting Taft-Hartley Act, or squabbled over and left unfinished a Bill to aid education.

As long as these and other things remain undone, the President can still portray himself as a sort of Democratic David battling with the Goliath of the "special interests," which he is never tired of assailing.

This pose can also be useful as a pressure play in the next session, when some really tough bills will be hauled out under election year floodlights.

A Grim Year

It will be a grim year for the 335 Representatives and thirty-six Senators who face campaigns for re-election.

If they vote for the big tax boost Truman has just warned he will demand, their heads will roll. If they take the alternative of axing Government spend-

ing, they will be accused of increasing unemployment and damaging business. If they just do nothing they might get away with it, but the Budget will look redder than the Kremlin.

Truman's habit of obstinate resurrection or bouncing back—now convincingly demonstrated twice within a year—makes it exceedingly probable that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in 1952.

Among those closest to him there is no longer any reticence on this point.

Until last summer the odds were at least ten to one against Truman's making another stab at the Presidency. But what he now regards as his success in handling Congress has brought about a change of mind.

What Congress has done, and will probably do next year under his stimulus, provides just the sort of platform on which Truman would like to go to the country.

If the next election produces the kind of Congress he wants, he will be able to flourish before the electors in 1952 a sizeable record as social reformer.

In the unlikely event that the next Congress spends two years largely thwarting him, Truman could take the stump in 1952 in the role of a David.

He pins everything on his belief that the kind of political merchandise Republican leaders are peddling is not what the American people want.

A few Republicans don't think so either.

INSIDE INFORMATION

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Stalinists, having voted themselves into control of the London Anglo-Yugoslav Society, Titoists will ask K. Zillicus to help form a new Anglo-Yugoslav Club.

German editions of Sir Oswald Mosley's works are being posted unsolicited from Britain to addresses in Western Germany. The book parcels bear misleading labels.

Marshal of the RAF Lord Tedder may be offered a high appointment on the Western Union Military Committee.

Board of Trade directives are discouraging British exporters from developing or maintaining exports to certain of the softer currency countries.

Sweet manufacturers in the U.K. complain that sugar is being exported to Holland in large quantities and Dutch confectionery re-imported while some British firms are on half production.



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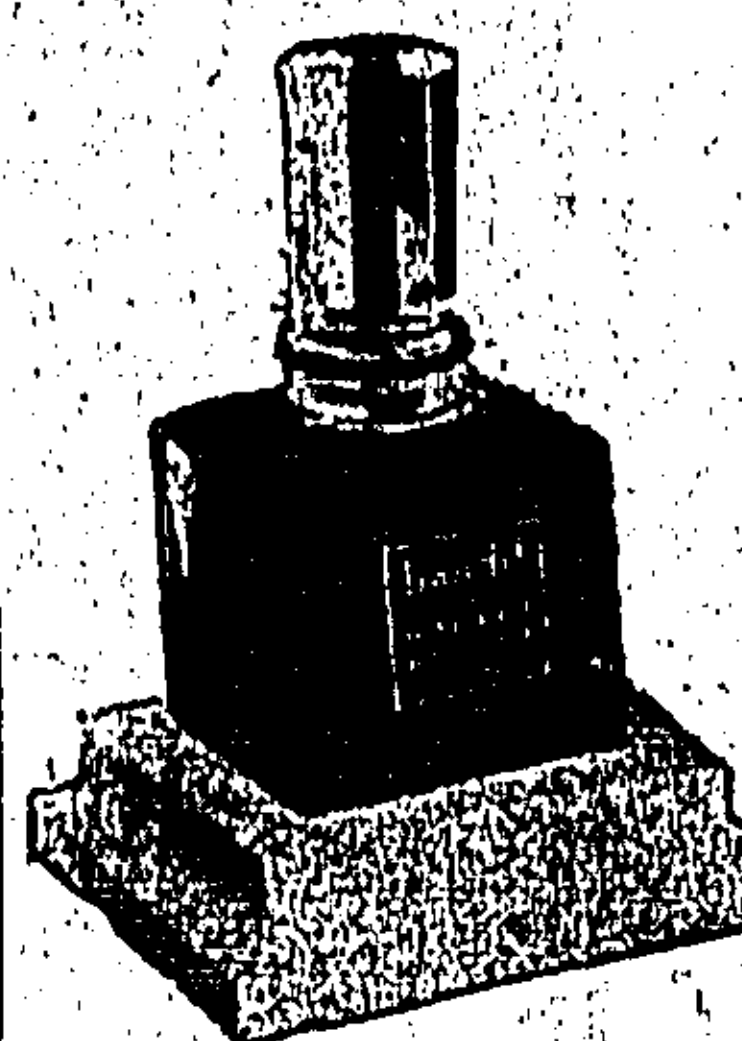
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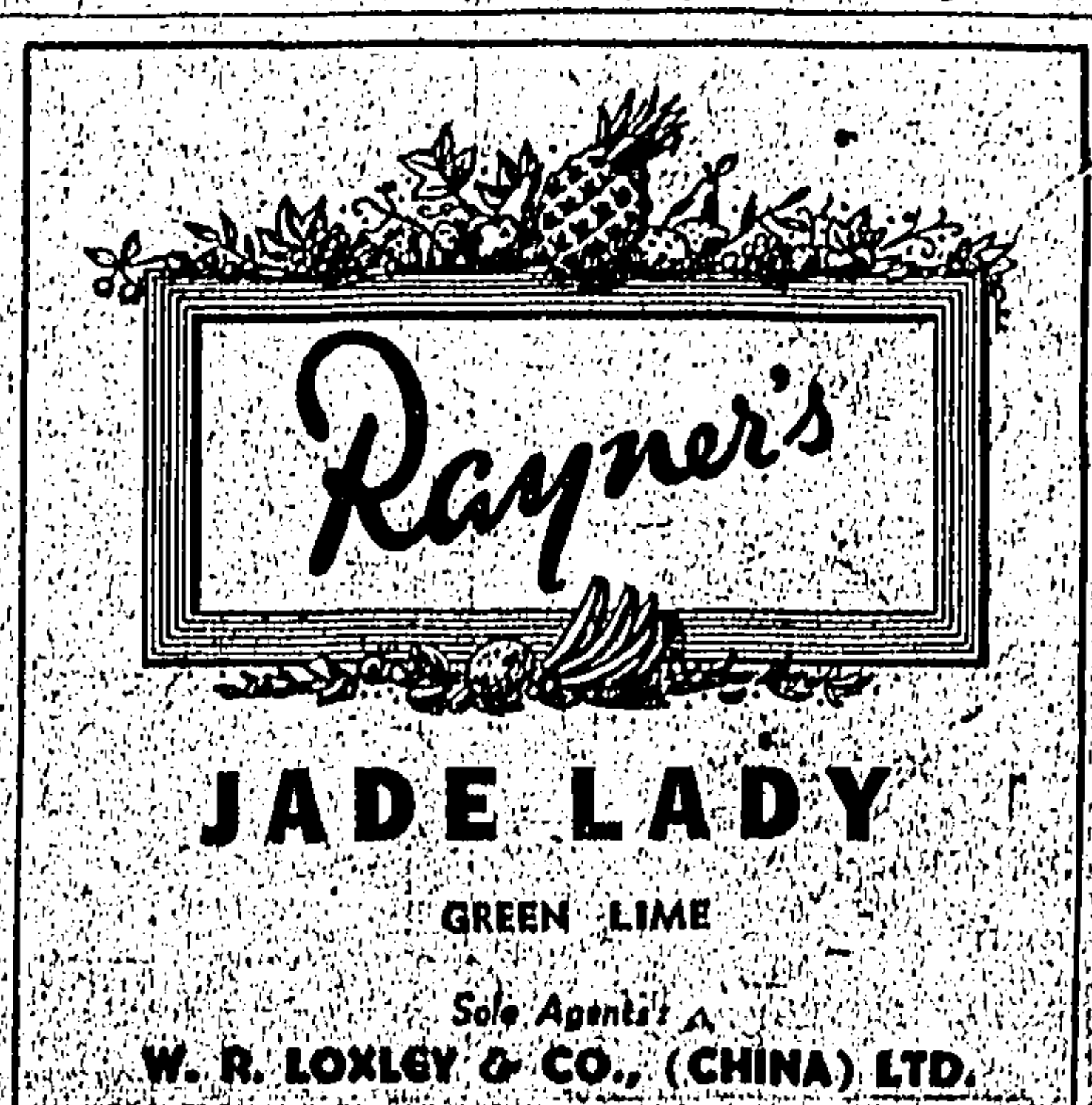


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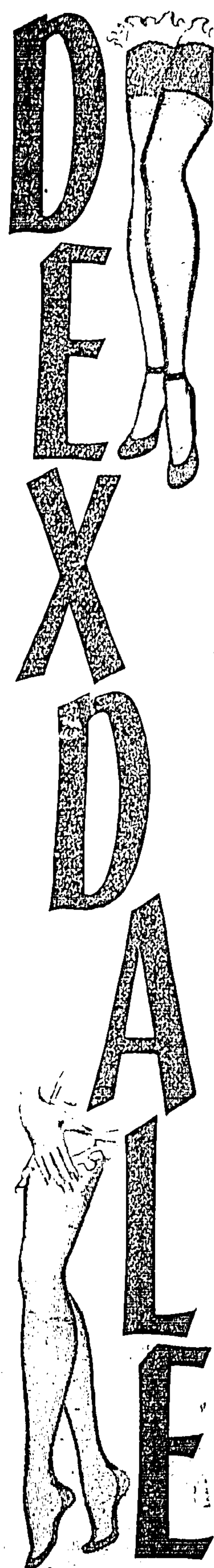
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This Humbug About The Atom

By GEOFFREY WINNINGTON

"Speculative humbug, that's all it is. I am determined to explode these myths about the peaceful uses of atomic power as we know it today."

In an explosive voice that matched his mood and subject, Professor Frederick Soddy, F.R.S., M.A., LL.D., shot words at me as I sat recently in the front room of his small, semi-detached Brighton house. Is the name familiar? It ought to be. Perhaps I had better jog your memory.

Professor Soddy, originator with Lord Rutherford of the theory of atomic disintegration, and of the displacement law of radioactivity, holder of the Nobel Laureate for Chemistry.

He Fights With His Pen

Today, at 72, the man who helped make the atom bomb possible has retired from the world of cyclotrons and atoms. But he still fights for science with his pen.

His latest book is to be published this week. I wanted to hear more about his challenging theories on the future of atomic energy. Listen. No genuine scientific man has ever held out any hope of atomic power in its present stage being used for industrial purposes," he said.

"It is foolish to suggest that it can be used for ships, aeroplanes or cars. The lethal character of the radiations emitted by these atomic changes prevents it. It is a mistake to think this new energy can be degraded into serving old technological achievements."

"The whole point is that this is an explosive much stronger than we have ever known. Do we use high explosives in the submarine and TNT class to drive engines? Of course we don't. Atomic energy's only present peace-time use is in civil and mining engineering in tasks until now beyond our power."

Upright, Active, Alert

He paced the floor of his book-lined room, this upright, active, alert, silver-haired pioneer who inevitably commands your attention but never demands it.

I asked him for his opinion on the Russian claim that they had used the atom bomb for the peaceful purpose of changing the course of rivers for irrigation.

"My first impression was that it must have been an accident—it is a marvel that there was not one in America when they were experimenting," he said.

"My second was that it may have been just propaganda. My third, that if it is true, they are far more sensible than we are."

You know, years ago it was said that cancer could be cured. Many people still believe this, but it is doubtful if it is true. At best radium can be used to cauterise cancer.

"Now it is being said that radioactive isotopes produced in the atomic piles may possibly be used to cure cancer and other diseases."

"They cannot be used as a cure, only as a research weapon in medicine."

Professor Soddy paused to light his pipe from an spill of corn paper and with the tiny figures of intricate mathematical calculations.

"When it is said that the atomic station in Cheshire will not harm people living nearby, it is sheer humbug. We do not know whether it will or not; no scientist can tell what effect rays from these experiments may have."

May Affect The Weather

"It is possible that the belching out of radioactive gases from these piles may affect the weather—for better or worse. These gases produce the ions, or minute charged particles, on which moisture condenses."

The professor frowned as he talked of the future of atomic energy and the atomic scientist, and their proper uses in widening the field of present knowledge.

rather than wasting costly material and effort in doubtful, premature technological projects. He insisted on the need for some purely international scientific control over research.

"The world has been, and still is, suffering by government of those who don't know over those who do know," he declared.

"Now the control of atomic energy is in the hands of people who know nothing about it. It is wrong for the scientist not to be able to control his own inventions—he is really the only competent person."

"But science today is very largely an instrument of government. Scientists are governed and overruled by military and political leaders."

My challenge on this point evoked a swift reply.

"The tragic crash over France of the dirigible R101 was an example of this. The dirigible was wanted in India for some official function. Against advice of experts concerned with the R101, but on higher orders, it was flown. We all know the result."

In a quiet, purposeful tone the professor continued:

Freedom From Control

"The only way scientists throughout the world can win back their freedom is to control themselves."

"By freedom, of course, I mean freedom from outside control, but under voluntary restraint, such as doctors enjoy, protected by their Hippocratic Oath and the medical code."

"Another facet in this need for international control of research is the colossal effort and cost of this work."

"As the research becomes more specialized we should concentrate on various aspects in all parts of the world, rather than each country attempting again what other pioneers have already done."

"In this way the giant cyclotron at Berkeley University, California, when perfected, ought to be made available for duly qualified investigators."

The professor became more vehement as he discussed the possibility of an atomic war.

"Today we are living in a scientific age but are ruled on the principles of government of the old slave civilisation. The vital difference is that the work of the slaves is now done by inanimate energy."

"Our education is archaic. It is the old, literary and classical teaching. It is not sufficiently scientific in its approach to the outside world."

"It is partly because of this that we are approaching armageddon. There is now on the horizon another world armaments race, this time with an even more terrible and deadly weapon."

"By attacking our systems of government and education I am not attacking personalities. I am attacking methods. It is the methods not the men which are at fault."

"After all, a bad man with a good idea is better than a good man with a bad idea."

"Before any war the whole body of world scientists should protect themselves from conscription. It is of little use attempting this after war has broken out, for in modern warfare the scientist, in common with all humanity, fights for self preservation."

Destruction of Civilisation

"If the struggle to come is long drawn out and between evenly matched Powers it will mean the virtual destruction of the countries involved, the virtual destruction of our scientific civilisation."

Now the professor was emphasising every word.

"We should be reduced to primitive communities, living directly from the land—that is if the land after atomic devastation is of any use."

"Should the struggle be uneven, with one Power stronger than the other, the only hope of peace would be a 'Roman Peace' in which the stronger Power would dominate the world by sheer military force."

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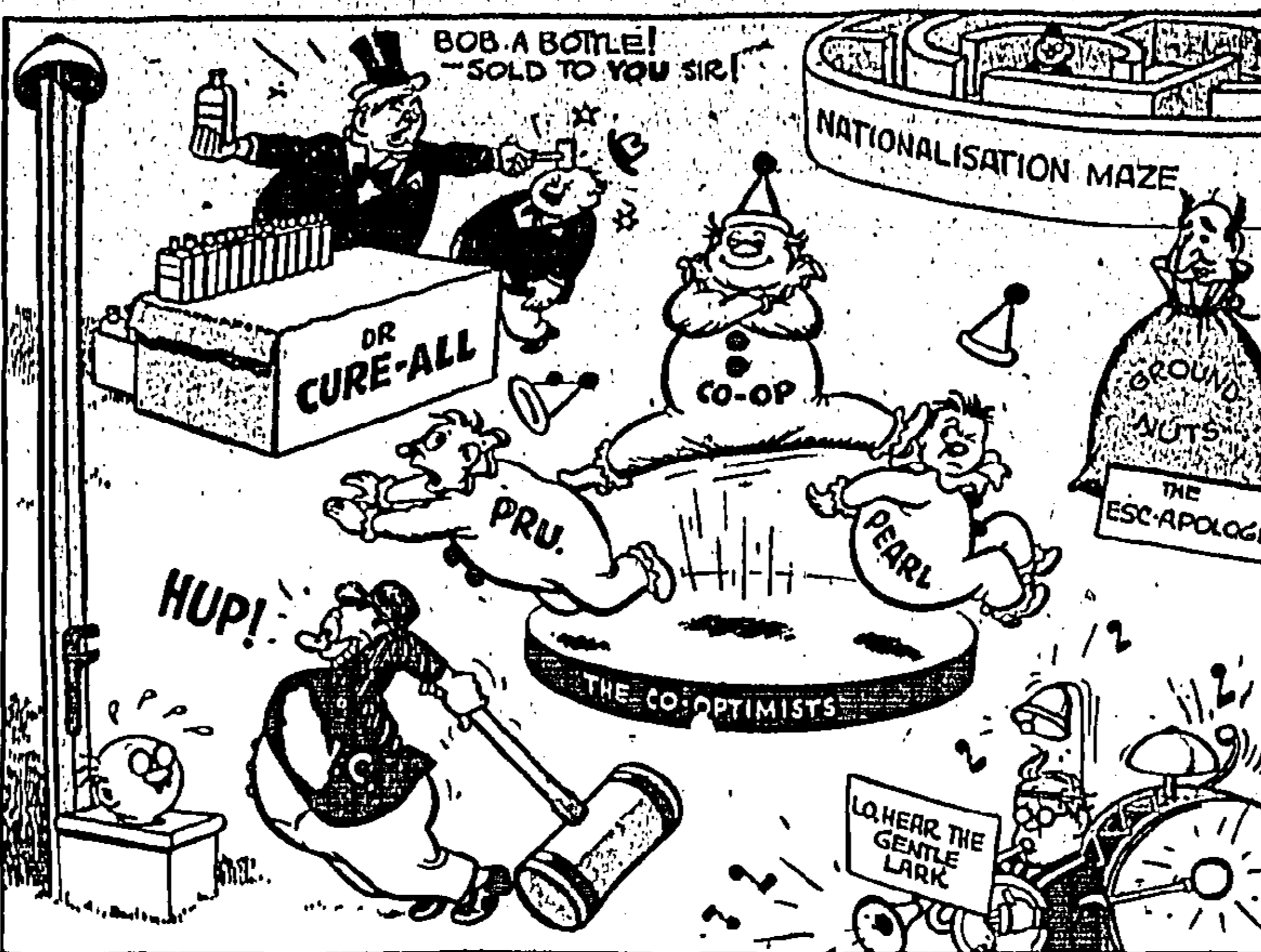
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The Politbureau could not wish a better material than the Chinese masses to serve Moscow's designs in South-East Asia.

It knows well that the human clay of China will be more pliable to mould to the Russian pattern than the so-called satellites in the West, where the people have a tradition of resistance and some semblance of democracy.

An Urgent Issue

Shrewd observers of recent Chinese developments dismiss the wishful thinking of some British "progressives" that Mao Tse-tung will prove the Tito of the East. They say China should be watched carefully, as Stalin will use her as a springboard for jumping further afield in Asia.

Glamour Of Prison

Small wonder that the followers of this cult put the preaching into practice and have murdered landlords, burned down official buildings, and looted banks and urns depots.

The climax was reached in February last, when the British engineering workshop of Messrs. Jessop and Company, Calcutta's biggest engineering firm, was set on fire.

Communist raiders looted the factory and threw three European workers into the burning furnace. Simultaneously with the raid on the Jessop Company, the Communists attacked the Gun and Shell factory, the Dum Dum airport, and the Basanti police station.

The Government could no longer delay taking action against this lawlessness. In Bengal, Madras, and Hyderabad the Party was declared illegal and the leader, Mr. Dange, was detained in Bombay.

The Communist Party of India is comparatively small — they number about 150,000 in a country with a population of 320,000,000 — but their capacity to make mischief is enormous.

The Nehru Government, which knows more about the jails than any other Government in the

world, had to resort to strong measures and imprison over 1,200 active Communists.

But will the jailing of these misguided men stop the Communist creed from spreading? Prisons have little terror in India. The Congress Party, in its agitational days, filled them with thousands and glorified them. The people feel vicarious sympathy for a prisoner if he is convicted for a political crime.

Whatever be their political game it cannot be denied that the Communists have spotlighted some of the genuine grievances of the people.

By D. V. TAHMANKAR

Strong In Towns

The Party has little influence in the countryside, but it is strong in industrial towns like Bombay, Calcutta, Cawnpore, and Madras. But it will be a grave mistake to think that the Indian masses will go over to the Communists because the present Government is not free from corruption.

The most formidable enemy of Communism in India, is the orthodox Hindu religion. The average Indian will accept death rather than the soulless nihilism of Karl Marx.

He is too attached to his ancestral piece of land and family to be huddled into collective farming and community kitchens. However, the poverty and squalor in which he lives may drive him into the extremists' arms.

It is therefore of primary importance that India should be given every help to raise her standard of living.

Communism in India can be checked if her requirements receive first priority in Britain and the U.S.

Pandit Nehru's American visit and his talks in London with Mr. Attlee, Mr. Bevin, and Sir Stafford Cripps have been mainly concerned with the economy of India.

Strategically India holds a pivotal position in the Indian Ocean and is the largest military base for man-power. The organisation of her vast industrial resources, which are so far undeveloped—she is rich in supplies of coal, manganese, mica, and iron—is the first requisite in any fight against Communism in Asia.

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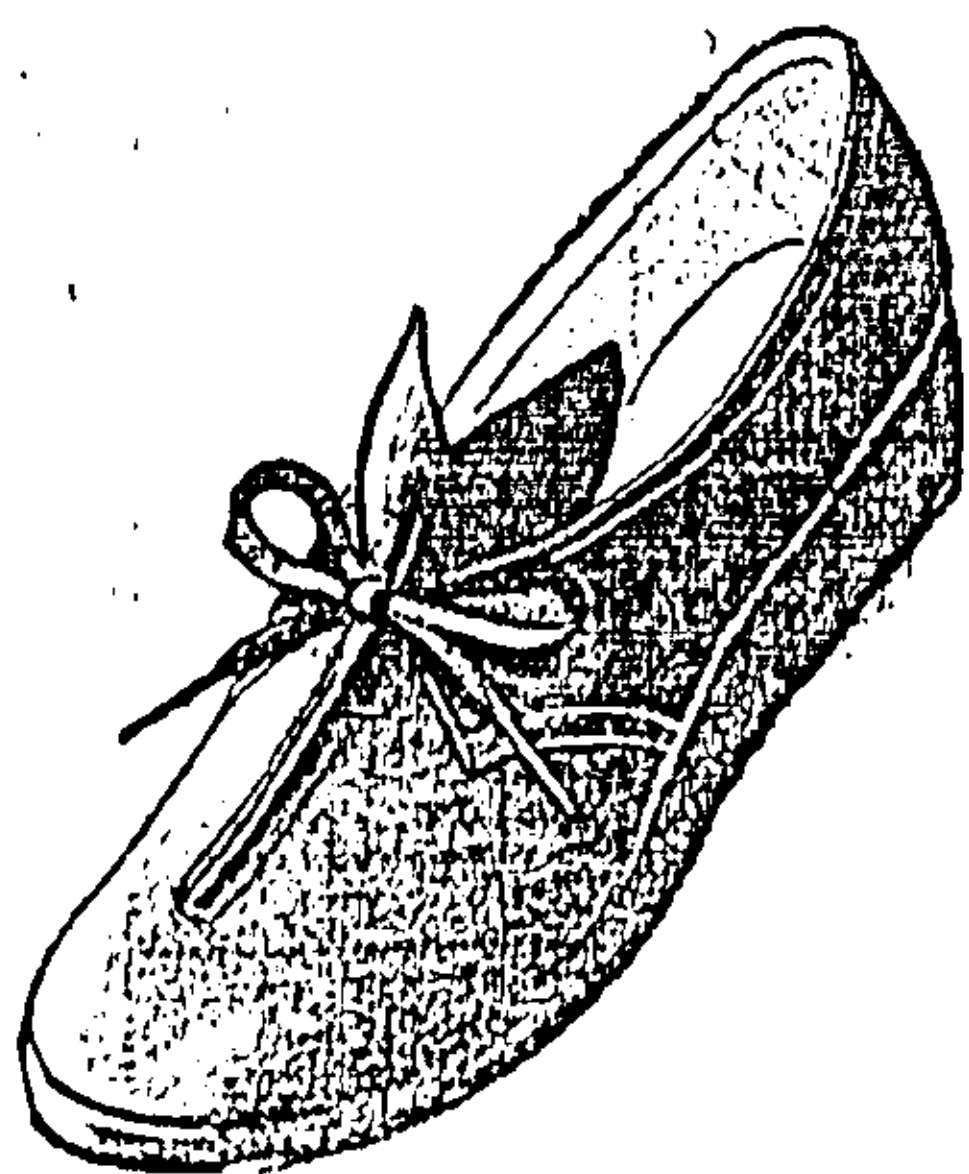
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ACCESSORIES FOR PARTIES

By JANET MARTIN

With this year's crop of festive frocks comes a host of bright accessories calculated to foster the party spirit and make your frock reflect the mood of the moment.

Frocks for informal parties have almost created a special fashion department of their own, but it is often the accessories which chiefly distinguish them from daytime wear.

America is crazy about rhinestones—paste or diamonds as we less consciously move them. Rhinestones, paste buttons, shoe buckles and hair ornaments, as well as earrings, brooches, clips and neckties, add sparkle to gay party frocks.

We are inclined to regard past with a more conservative eye, but this is the season for gaiety and glitter and there is much to be said for bright buckles on your dancing shoes.

Take a dark plaid dress of rustling tulle or mink, with deep V neckline. Along one side of the V, the smart American girl puts a row of small paste ornaments, each one different—a row, a crown, a flower, an initial perhaps.

If there are buttons down the front or back, the buttons are pieces of glittering paste. If there are lapels, she adds a row of steel pins with little paste stars on the ends. Rolled "cord" belts have paste balls of tassels on the tie ends.

Party Favourites

Pin striped taffetas in deep plum, peacock blue and rich brown are favourite for parties. So are the iridescent and shot fabrics which appear to such striking effect under the bright lights.

Velvet as a trimming adds a touch of richness to all the dull fabrics. Try wide velvet sash, tied into a big bow at the back. Wear a tiny velvet cap with a bright paste brooch or clip. Carry a small velvet drawstring bag trimmed with rows of paste stones. Or make your new party frock from one of the new taffetas with coin-dots of velvet.

New placings for your favourite pieces of costume jewellery give us many new ideas. If your frock has pointed, turn-back cuffs, pin your brooch to one of the cuffs. If the skirt is draped, cascade or panel, pin it at the waist where the drape begins. For a frock with the asymmetrical "leftward" movement, pin it high on the right shoulder.

In the new gilt it is smart to have two matching sets of earrings which alternate as clips, then, for a change, wear them all in a row along the neckline or along the edge of one lapel. If your frock has slanted or jutting pockets, wear your little clips all along the top of one pocket.

Permanent Effect

For a more permanent effect you can follow the same idea with rows of bright gilt or silver buttons—on one pocket, one lapel, one sleeve or one side of the neck.

Velvet again is used for a new idea in neckties—a band of velvet joined to a V point in front, studded with a pattern in paste and pearls. Or just a length of velvet ribbon with the ends crossed over in front and secured by your special brooch.

The plain black bustle dress goes to the party too, wearing a bright printed silk or chiffon scarf all sewn with sequins... not round the neck but tied into a pout bow and pinned to the side of the waist. For this idea, you could use a piece of very bright Chinese silk with a small pattern in the most glowing colours you can find—with or without the sequins.

Foot Notes For The Ladies

By SALLY YOUNG

Well-groomed feet not only look nice but add to your general comfort. The essence of chic is the perfect pedicure.

File your toenails straight across with an emery board. Then, dipping your thumbs in lubricating cream, start massaging and easing the cuticle back from the toe with a pushing, massaging movement.

Next, take an orangewood stick, twist a tiny bit of cotton about its end, dip into a cleansing solution made of one teaspoonful of peroxide with three drops of ammonia and clean nails.

Scrub your toenails briskly with soap and warm water. Rinse with cold water and dry well.

Apply nail polish and remember that clipped polish on toe nails looks as ugly as chipped polish on fingernails, so be sure to check and make necessary repairs when needed.

Then follow these health rules for happy feet:

1. Wash frequently! Bathe your feet once or twice a day, dry them and dust on foot powder.

2. Never wear the same pair of shoes two days in succession and change stockings every day.

3. Wear the right shoes for the right occasion. If you're going to walk, wear walking shoes.

4. Be sure you have the proper size of shoe, and the proper size of stocking (half-inch longer than longest toe).

5. Exercise! Lumber up your feet at intervals. Wiggle your toes!

6. Walk right! Cultivate good posture.

7. Take care! Don't be a "bathroom surgeon." If your feet need attention, consult a qualified chiropodist or podiatrist.

Flat heeled shoes, according to medical experts, have resulted in flat-footed females. If you like the comfort of flat heels, don't neglect the necessary antidote for strengthening your arches and toes. Try this simple "marble exercise." Work at picking up marbles with your toes, 10 to 20 minutes at a time.

For thick ankles do this exercise: Lie on your back, left foot in the air, knees straight. Twist left foot at the ankle, making wide circles. Make 20 circles to the right and 20 to the left. Do same with right leg and foot.

Winter Styles For The Princesses

By MARY DELANE

Many Britons at the Mansion House on the summer afternoon that Princess Elizabeth paid her first visit alone to the City remarked upon the delightful mixture of shyness and natural dignity the Princess then showed. She looked so very young standing to make her speech in the Great Hall, under the tattered banners of bygone Lord Mayors.

That was May 31, 1944. More recent years, and especially the last two, have brought an added grace and dignity to the Princess that are altogether charming. It is a thing noticeable that in her dress there is evidence of a rapidly developing sense of fashion. Though her clothes, except for State occasions, remain basically simple in line, and unexaggerated, she wears them with an elegance all her own.

Princess Elizabeth

The ensemble illustrated here and designed for her by Norman Hartnell has several good fashion points. The frock is in satin brocade, a popular fabric this winter, in a lovely greenish blue, the centre of each small flower being in a deep claret shade. Claret satin cuffs and belt are applied with the flower motifs from the brocade, and the collar can be worn high as shown, or, under a coat, turned down flat. The coat is in soft duvetyne of the same claret red, the pockets being continuations, turned over at the top of the side panels which, with the simple double button fastening and plain bodice, accentuate the Princess's very small waist. The three-quarter length and the optional bow of the satin brocade are charming details. With the ensemble are worn a matching hat and suede gloves and shoes.

In the last two years also, Princess Margaret has emerged



from the schoolroom, with a dress sense that promises well for future chic.

The frock and hat sketched here were worn with a simple black velvet coat cut on princess lines with a small roll collar of velvet.

This is Princess Margaret's first grown-up all-black ensemble for the day-time. She wore it at the Remembrance Day ceremony and again at the hat show organized by the Associated Millinery Designers of London, the first fashion parade she has attended. The small flower-pot hat of felt and velvet designed by Asge Tharup is topped by a little "plume" of genuine tails and looks very pretty.

The frock shows the very "up-to-the-minute" vogue for an all-ance of soft, woolen crepe and velvet. With it the Princess wore black suede gloves and sling-back court shoes, and she carried a square black hand-bag.



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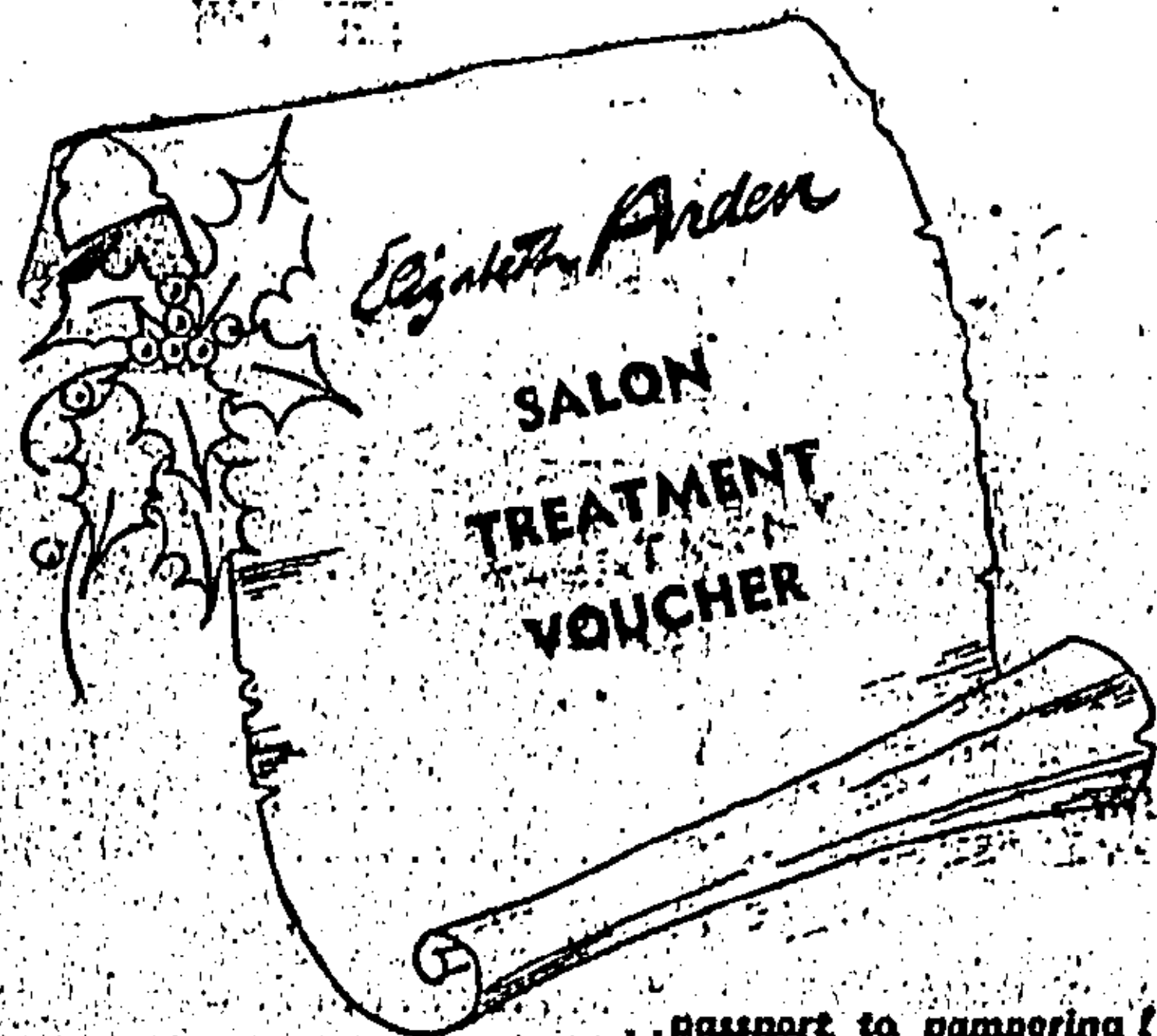
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FRAGRANCE FOR THE FAIR

By CLAUDIA

Christmas time is always the favourite occasion for a gift of perfume, but when choosing for some one else from the almost bewildering selection arrayed in our shops and stores, the choice is not an easy one.

Even when buying for oneself, the choice can be a pitfall for the unwary. It is so easy to be carried away by the glamour of some exotic-looking bottle with an exciting new name, but if the essence inside clashes with the personality instead of harmonising with and accentuating it, the result is much the same as that of an ill-chosen, badly fitting gown.

There is one almost infallible rule which helps tremendously in making the right choice. Choose a perfume which appeals to you, a fragrance which you really like, which makes you think "that's me." Never mind about the name on the bottle, its shape, colour or packaging.

Choosing a perfume for some one else, a perfume which will truly give delight, is of course, a more difficult problem. No use just choosing one that you like yourself, you are not to be the wearer! It must be right for her.

So here are some tips for the gentleman who wants to delight his lady's heart

Similar Formulae

Some perfumes have a very wide appeal because they are pleasing to almost everyone. Although the names may differ, the basic formulae are similar. Amongst this "safe" group are the Numero Cinq, Numero 5's, the Gardenias, Lavenders and perfumes like L'Aliment.

For a young girl, the best choice is something fresh and dainty. Avoid the heavy, exotic essences and sophisticated "glamour girl" types. Choose a light floral perfume, her favourite flower, or one you would associate with her, or something like L'Aliment, Je Reviens, Apres L'Orangerie, light fragrances which have a delicate sophistication which is flattering to youth without being overpowering.

A lady who does not use much perfume will enjoy the delicate fragrance of lavender. She would love a set of bath accessories delicately perfumed with lavender. Chypre, Apple Blossom or Blue

Grass etc., all faintly sweet and subtle. For the lady whose personality expresses gentleness and quiet charm, choose a soft, unobtrusive fragrance, sweet, but not too heavy, she will use it with discretion and restraint. Something like "N", or Doux Jasmine would be her choice.

The heavier perfumes, such as the Cuir de Russie, Russian Leather and Tweed types were created as perfumes for furs, but they have a special appeal for the woman of strong and decisive personality, for one who is outstanding and arresting. Used very sparingly, they are interesting and unusual, especially to those who have a "flair" for perfumes.

Sophistication

Among the more sophisticated perfumes, choice must always be closely connected with the wearer. It is an interesting fact that men are often excellent judges of perfume and I think this is because they do consider the perfume in connection with the woman, disregarding the name and make, so that they can say instantly whether or not it is "right".

Indiscreet, sharp and provocative, bitter tang, curiously elusive and exciting, the gaiety of the No. 1 perfumes with a flavour of the East, their names are legion and there is one for every woman.

If still in doubt, one can always resort to a little discreet detective work and find out the name of the lady's own special favourite. Her delight on Christmas Day will be more than worth the trouble!

Ann Temple

THE LONG WAIT

He wants to wait two years before we marry. He will then be able to afford a home. I want to marry now and pay, as many people do, on the instalment plan.

How can I make him see it my way? I do think a two-year engagement is far too long.—S.P.

You are more likely to make him see it your way if you show willingness to let him wait.

As I see it you two could each yield a year and have a Christmas Wedding in 1950.

Honestly, you can be downright glad that he is showing such good sense and responsibility. If you knew the frightful worries the wisest of reckless husbands endure!

Let him know that you do appreciate his thoughtfulness and that you do understand and fully sympathise with his wish to start your married life free, not tied down financially.

That done, show him how you could reduce this waiting time by revising certain ideas. He is probably setting too high a standard for the start.

Young people today begin with very little, but the bare necessities—and build up as they go along. Lots of them have told me it is much more fun that way. They don't make all their mistakes at once and they develop their artistic sense and taste even in practical, different kind of dresses over the orange box dress, ingotable and wardrobe.

I am glad. I take a whole day to do what others accomplish in a few hours. I am getting more results than my superiors tell me. It is the quality of my work that the quantity that is at fault.

I am sitting in degree examination in six months' time. I must speed up my work. I must speed up my work. I must speed up my work.

Try to be a "natural" instead of a "forced" one. It is not a falling to have a "natural" instead of a "forced" one.

slow temperament, but it is certainly a disadvantage to be in an environment where speed is efficiency.

You will never speed up if you let the idea of speed push you. That way lies nervous strain.

Can you get what I mean when I say go with time, get into the flow of time?

Don't wait and hover over the moment. Go forward easily. You have an essay to write? Write it from beginning to end in one stream. Write what comes; don't stop to dig up and worry over an idea—just go forward with what is there coming into your pen, as it were.

You will find, after a while, that what is coming through is your best. Go on from one task to another in this way—not hurrying, but always moving with unperturbed pace forward.

RECIPES

Moulded Cream Cheese

1/2 lb. cream cheese, 1 tablespoon melted shortening, 1/2 cup grated onion, salt, pepper, 1 hard-boiled egg, 4 olives, lettuce leaves, cucumber, tomato, shredded carrots, parsley, etc. Mash the cream cheese with the melted shortening until smooth. Add the finely chopped hard-boiled egg, onion, chopped olives and seasonings and mix well. Press into a well-greased mould and chill until firm. Turn out and cut into thin slices. Serve on a bed of lettuce, leaves garnished with tomato wedges, cucumber slices and small pieces of grated carrot.

Apple Puffs

8 oz. flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, pinch salt, 4 oz. shortening, 2 oz. sugar, milk to mix a cup

Women Workers In Public Life

Organised working women have always taken a keen interest in public welfare in Britain. The Women's Co-Operative Guilds were first in the field, and in the past 20 years women in Britain's trade union movement have had a voice of growing strength.

Because the trade unions are financed and controlled by their own members, they are training grounds in the administration of public affairs. The housewife or factory worker who holds office in such a group is quite at ease when she is elected to her town council, or appointed to some public body, because she has learned to use and direct her ability and desire to serve.

Some women trade unionists sit in Education, Town, and County Councils, while others sit on Food Control (rationing) Committees and the Boards of Management of schools, hospitals, Child Welfare Centres and children's nurseries.

To these jobs they bring practical experience, the technique gained in their trade union branch of free discussion, respect for the opinions of others, and the application of regulations with humanity as well as exactitude. In a country with a long tradition of voluntary service in public administration, and in which the party system operates locally as well as nationally these are vitally important factors.

Women trade unionists are concerned about many areas of public life, but they are concerned, also, about the wider problems of public welfare. Their trade unions give them the means of hammering out policy, and the platform from which to declare it.

Nursery Schools

One of the most widely discussed matters in recent years has been the provision of day nurseries and nursery schools. The nursery school (for children from three to five) is regarded as educationally and socially desirable, particularly for an only child or those children with few playmates. Before World War II Britain had some such schools, mostly private kindergartens for the children of the well-to-do, or provided by public or voluntary bodies for the children of the very poor.

Under the 1944 Education Act, local authorities in Britain must provide, (as soon as teachers and materials become available) free nursery schools for all children aged three to five whose parents desire them. Such schools are open for about five hours a day for five days a week.

When war came in 1939 an appeal was made for every available worker. Many married women (some with special skills) were willing to enter industry. If some arrangement were made for the care of their young children, the Government of the United Kingdom therefore asked local authorities to set up day nurseries, open for 12 hours a day for six or seven days a week.

These were established and acquired during the war years when premises, materials and staff were all in short supply, and makeshift arrangements had to be made. When the war ended, local authorities were asked to review the position, and to begin

raising the standards of the nurseries they retained. At the same time, some factories established nurseries, while many women looked after their neighbour's children for a fee.

Women And Industry

Women trade unionists have discussed whether the mothers of young children should be encouraged to go out to work at all. Of course, numbers of these mothers did so before the war, because of unemployment, sickness, or death of the father, or because of low wages.

Now full employment, social insurance and family allowances have removed or modified these factors, but there is still a demand for women workers, particularly in the export trades. Most women trade unionists think that good day nurseries are essential until the post-war crisis is over and that women should be free to decide whether to "work" outside the home or not.

Women in trade unions have also been concerned about standards, particularly in private day nurseries and in the homes where children are looked after daily for a fee. Special regulations have now been made under which all nurseries are to be supervised by the local health authorities, and all households where more than two children of different families are looked after for payment must be registered.

Women trade unionists at their conferences in 1948 and 1949 also discussed the care of children deprived of normal family life, and the work of the Home Office Committee on children in cinema.

Great interest is shown in Britain's new Health Service and women trade unionists have made proposals in relation to the conditions of hospital staffs (including nurses), improvements in the treatment of tuberculosis and the need for more women on hospital management committees.

Through their Committee women trade unionists have given evidence before the Working Party on the Midwifery Service. Another proposal they are making is for a "Code of Hygiene" in connection with the packing and sale of food.

Not all women workers are employed in industry. For instance, those in the Agricultural Workers' Union asked, in 1948, for better rural electricity supplies, especially in the "dod" cottages in which many farm workers reside. A year later, they reported a considerable improvement, and asked for a review of rural transport services.

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London, December 9.

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During the whole week's trading after Monday there was no very wide movement by either buyers or sellers from these levels, which, although lower than a week ago, cause moderate satisfaction.

IS GREEK LABOUR TROUBLES

Athens, December 9.
A general strike in Greece is threatened for next week by the leaders of the Confederation of Labour unless the workers' demands are met, including an overall 40 per cent pay rise.

Confederation leaders, rejecting a Government appeal for the postponement of a 48-hour strike in Athens, stated: "If we do not succeed we shall call a general Pan-Hellenic strike for next week to force the Government to accept our claims."
Meanwhile, the 47-hour general strike is proving partly successful in Athens, but at Piræus, the port of Athens, the strike is less complete. The branches there of some secondary unions have preferred to stop work only for some hours as "a token of solidarity."

MONEY SHORTAGE IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 10.
A considerably acute money shortage is expected to appear after February or March, 1950. Mr. Hasegawa Ichimada, Governor of the Bank of Japan, said at a Press conference yesterday.
He said he is considering counter-measures to meet the situation.
Unless such a financial crisis can be tided over, he said, the economic stabilisation of Japan can not be brought about.
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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents

Hongkong, December 7, 1949.

Tin merchants expected a big slide in prices when the London Metal Exchange reopened last month and the continuous weakness of the previous fortnight had not been greater than anticipated.

Many producers and consumers in fact expressed surprise that the early falls had not been steeper. The steadiness and moderate activity of the London market as the week advanced was thus welcomed by sellers.

Today's spot closing price was £605, the same as on Thursday, and compared to £608 on Monday.
Three months tin, about £40, below the cash level, closed at £565, the same as on Thursday, £507 on Thursday. At the beginning of the week three months tin was £32 below the cash level.
Business was done during the week for mid-February tin at £408 a ton.

Varying Turnover

Turnover fluctuated considerably. On Monday when prices sagged 200 tons of metal changed hands, a large parcel coming from the Government broker.
The following day only 90 tons was sold on an idle market. Turnover on the following days was 100, 160 and 185 tons.
American cables reported that the United States Reconstruction Finance Corporation is offering spot grade "A" tin at 70 cents a pound, two cents lower than its previous price. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation sells tin from American Government stocks.

There have been trade rumours in New York that it is planning to make 2,500 tons a month available to the private trade.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, December 9.
British government bonds snapped out of their four-day slump on the London Exchange with gains running up to 15 shillings. Good demand for a new Port of London loan issue helped shore up the gilt-edged issues. Industrial oil shares were steady. Most gold mines were off fractions.
Financial Times' index 104.0.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES PER
AUSTRALIA-WEST PACIFIC LINE

m.v. "AROS"
are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on December 10, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents

Hong Kong, Dec. 6, 1949.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 9.
A lot of trading froth was whipped up in the stock market but price movements were small. The market ended a little lower, but individual changes were mostly fractional. Transfers 1,500,000 shares.

Benguet Consolidated, eighth most active stock, closed 1/4 down at 1 1/4—a low for the year.
Others declining included Douglas Aircraft, United Airlines and Chesapeake and Ohio.

Among the gainers were Columbia Gas, Armour, Decca Records, Universal Pictures and Warner Brothers.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 68.48; 20 Industrials 194.35; 15 Rals 50.27; 10 Utilities 40.30.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3 1/2
American Can 9 1/2
Smelting 52 1/2
Telephone 148 1/4
Tobacco 74 1/4
Waterworks 7 1/2
Anaconda Copper 28
Aviation Corp. 5 1/4
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2
Barnard 53 1/4
Bendix Aviation 34 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 23
Borden Co. 47 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2
J. I. Case 30
Chrysler 61 1/4
Colgate 42 1/2
Commercial Solvents 19 1/2
Corn Products 60 1/2
Du Pont 60 1/2
Eastman Kodak 47 1/2
General Electric 41 1/2
Motors 69 1/2
Goodrich 70 1/2
Goodyear 70 1/2
Homestake Mining 43 1/2
International Harvester 44 1/2
Paper 28 1/2
T. & T. 9 1/2
Johns Manville 42 1/2
Kendall Copper 50 1/2
Montgomery Ward 53 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 35 1/2
New York Central 10 1/2
Packard Motors 3 1/2
Pan American Airways 8 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 14 1/2
Radio Corp. 12 1/2
Real Salt 12 1/2
Remington Rand 11 1/2
Republic Steel 23 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 30
Schenley 30 1/2
Sears Roebuck 43 1/2
Shell Oil 37 1/2
Socony Vacuum 10 1/2
Southern Pacific 48 1/2
Standard Brands 21
Oil of Calif. 64 1/2
Oil of N. J. 68 1/2
Studebaker 24
Union Bag 20 1/2
Carbide 44 1/2
US Rubber 35
Steel 28
Lites 15 1/2
Westinghouse 31 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 75 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/2
Selected bonds improved.
Among curb stumblers were Fairchild Engine, Pantepec Oil.—Associated Press.

Labour Unrest In France

Paris, December 9.
News of strikes and threatened stoppages, including a possible general strike of railwaymen, today put further pressure on the French Government for higher wages.

Railway unions have told their members to be "ready for any action necessary to defend their legitimate interests" following a proposed 40 per cent economy cut by State lines.

The Administrative Board has already proposed a 30 per cent increase in passenger fares and an eight to 10 per cent advance of freight rates. National Stationery Office compositors, delaying Parliamentary documents for the forthcoming Budget, were making token stoppages and refusing overtime.

Token strikes were also reported from textile centres in the South West and even the entertainment world was affected.—Reuter.

JUTE QUOTAS

New York, December 9.
Pakistan has added to raw jute quotas sanctioned for shipment by January 31, 1950, supplementing those announced on July 21. The supplemental quotas, announced by the Pakistan Consulate-General here, include: Japan 5,000 tons, Netherlands 6,000, Egypt 2,000.—Associated Press.

Ankara, December 9.
The Turkish Seaways Administration have decided to buy 53 ships, including two large liners, with money from Marshall Aid credits. Other ships include four small steamers, and eight coasting vessels.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M/V "IGADI"

Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the December 14, 1949 at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEN & CO.
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Telephone 34177-9.

Hong Kong Dec. 10, 1949.



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"BENLOMOND"	"	27th Dec.
"BENVORLICH"	"	3rd Jan.
"BENVRUCKIE"	"	5th Jan.
"BENLEUCH"	"	16th Jan.
"BENDORAN"	"	18th Jan.
"BENREOCH"	"	24th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENGRAUACHAN"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	15th Dec.
"BENLOMOND"	"	30th Dec.
"BENLEUCH"	"	20th Jan.
"BENVORLICH"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.	8th Jan.

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M.S. "FRANCISVILLE" 21st Jan.

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"EPINAL" .. Europe .. 25th Jan.

SAILINGS TO

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"ANDRE LEBON" .. Marcellies via Manila .. 1st Jan.
"CHAMPOLLION" .. " .. 18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" .. " .. 25th Feb.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"BREST" .. N. Africa & Europe .. 24th Dec.
"MORTAIN" .. " .. 20th Jan.
"CPT DORISE" .. " .. 15th Feb.

FOR ADEN, PORT SAID, TUNIS, MARSEILLES, ALGIERS,
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Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Clytona (D & S) British 487 tons
Chimney (D & S) Norwegian 1144 tons
ex-Manila
Prosper (Yee Tai Hong) Norwegian
1817 tons ex-Tientsin

TODAY

City of Coventry (Bank) ex-Atlantic Coast.

TOMORROW

Andrea F. Luckenbach (Goult) ex-Atlantic Coast.

Danzon (Eastern) ex-Pacific Coast.

Hunan (D & S) ex-Tientsin.

Hongkong (D & S) ex-Keelung.

Tallman (Doddwell) ex-Atlantic Coast.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Mut Ann (Chin Sang Hong) for Singapore.

Wing Hing (Te Hing) for Swatow.

Wingang (Jardine) for Keelung.

Yunan (D & S) for Singapore.

TODAY

Meerkerk (RIL) for Manila.

Newcombs (D & S) for Mitsui.

Chang (D & S) for Hongkong.

Star Alcyon (Everett) for Singapore.

TOMORROW

Choyang (Jardine) for Tientsin.

Contract (U.S.) for Pacific Coast.

Nikobar (E.A.) for Pacific Coast.

Vessels In Port

A. Karhart (Mollers) .. R.D.

Alvany (Everett) .. K.H.

Aldan (Chambers) .. T.D.

Albatross (Mollers) .. K.H.

Armeda (Wallen) .. T.K.

American Transport (Jardine) .. A.H.

Benary (Lusley) .. A.H.

Bengal (Gilmann) .. B.H.

Brown Ranger (NRO) Oil Fuel .. A.H.

Bunt (Larsen) .. A.H.

Changsha (D & S) .. A.H.

Changshing (GMBN) .. A.H.

Chi Tung (Wallen) .. A.H.

Chiao Jen (GMBN) .. A.H.

Chong Ya (Central N.S.) .. A.H.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Bally Maerk (Jabson) .. 8
Steel Arch (Gilmann) .. 18
Tutor (Doddwell) .. 18

TODAY

Belleville (Thomson) .. 18

Chinese Frigate (Jardine) .. 18

Fernand (Thomson) .. 18

Steel Worker (Gilmann) .. 18

Drifted Prince (Jardine) .. 18

Fernand (Thomson) .. 18

PACIFIC COAST

Arizona (Doddwell) .. 18

Contract (U.S.) ex-Frisco .. 18

Danzon (HKE) .. 18

Great Republic (U.S.) ex-Frisco .. 18

General Gordon (APL) ex-Frisco .. 18

Montana (Doddwell) .. 18

Philippine Transport (Jardine) .. 18

Pres. Madison (APL) ex-Frisco .. 18

Pres. Taft (APL) ex-Frisco .. 18

Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco .. 18

Sunshine (Bank) .. 18

Tradewind (U.S.) ex-Frisco .. 18

AUSTRALIA

Hindatan (Jardine) .. 18

Nanking (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney .. 18

Taipei (D & S) .. 18

Halchutan (Jardine) .. 18

Changsha (D & S) .. 18

Chiao (Doddwell) .. 18

Nellere (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney .. 18

CHINA

Chungking (Jardine) ex-Tientsin .. 18

Hunan (D & S) ex-Tientsin .. 18

Shanghai (D & S) ex-Keelung .. 18

Wingang (Jardine) ex-Keelung .. 18

EUROPE

Andre Lebon (MM) ex-Marcellies .. 18

Ball (Gilmann) .. 18

Benlomond (Lusley) .. 18

Cent. (Mac Mac) ex-London .. 18

Doublehills (Jardine) .. 18

Devalon (D & S) .. 18

Hiderkerk (RIL) .. 18

Hurt (Mac Mac) ex-London .. 18

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